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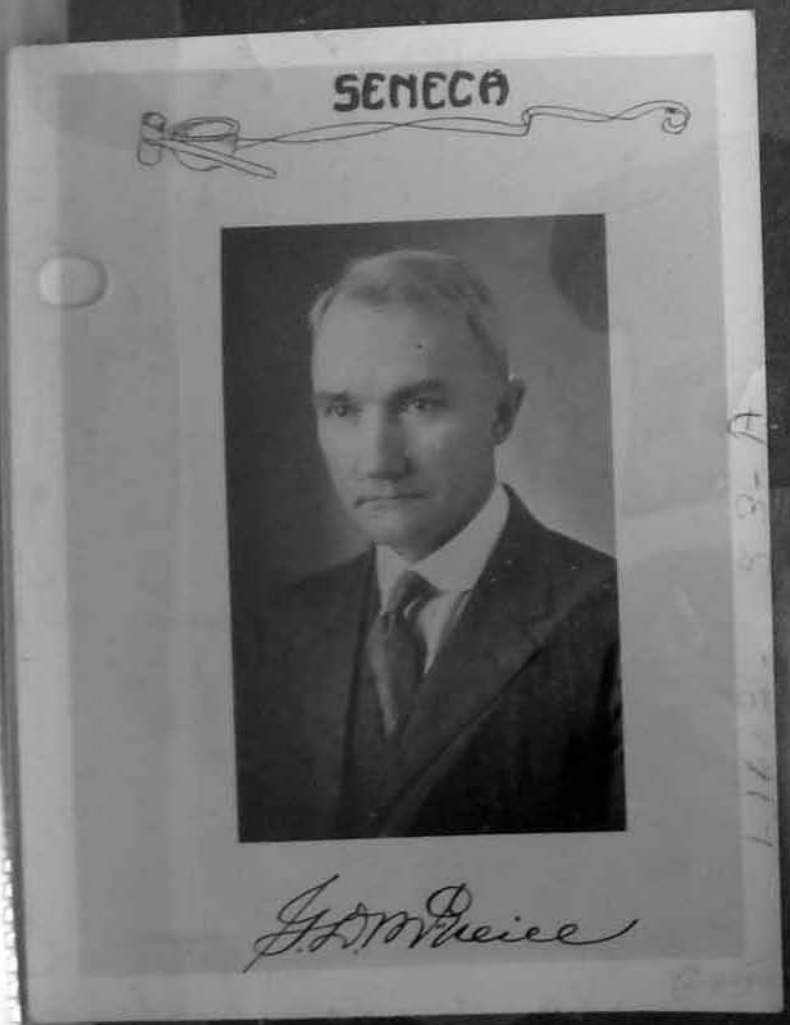

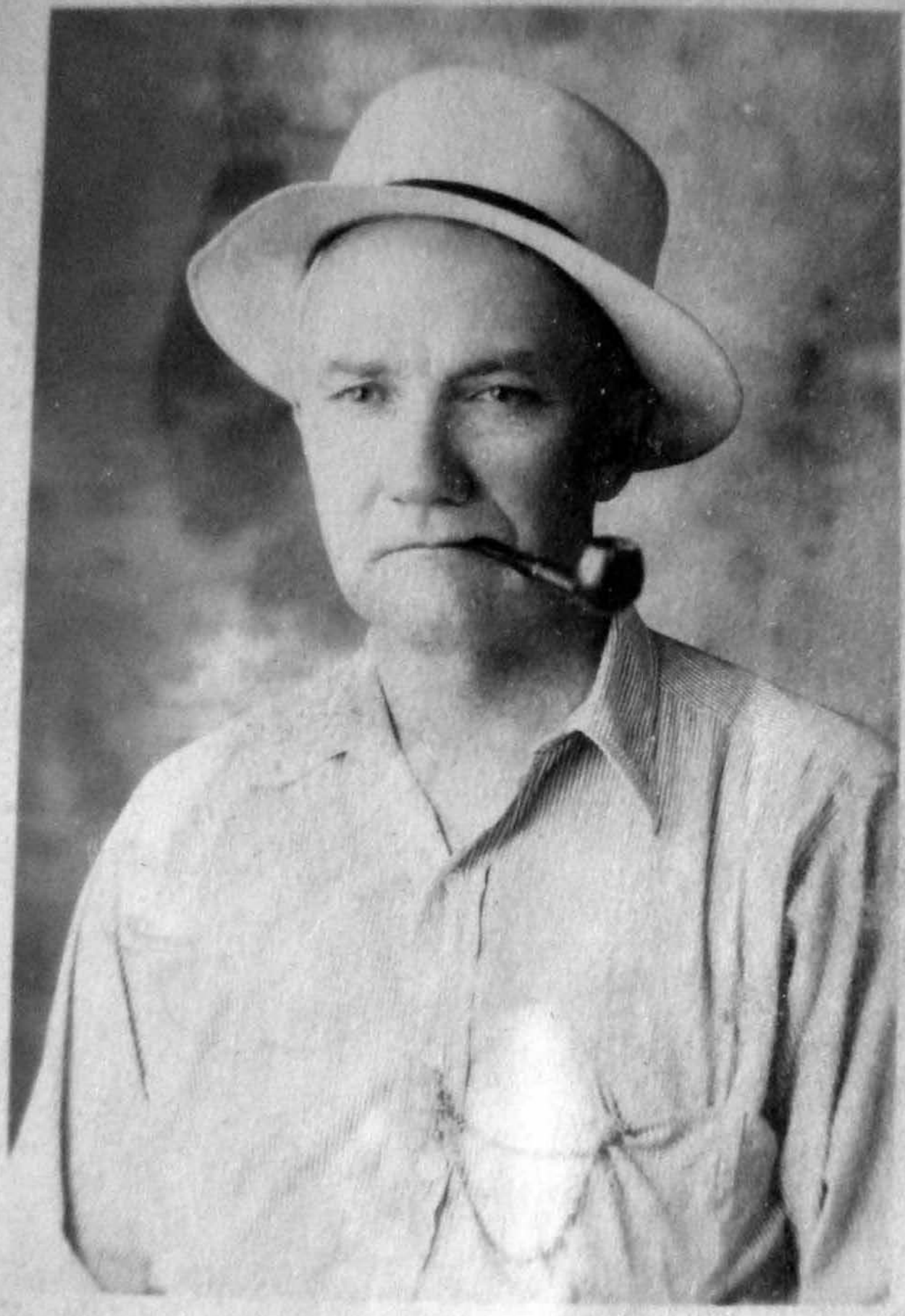

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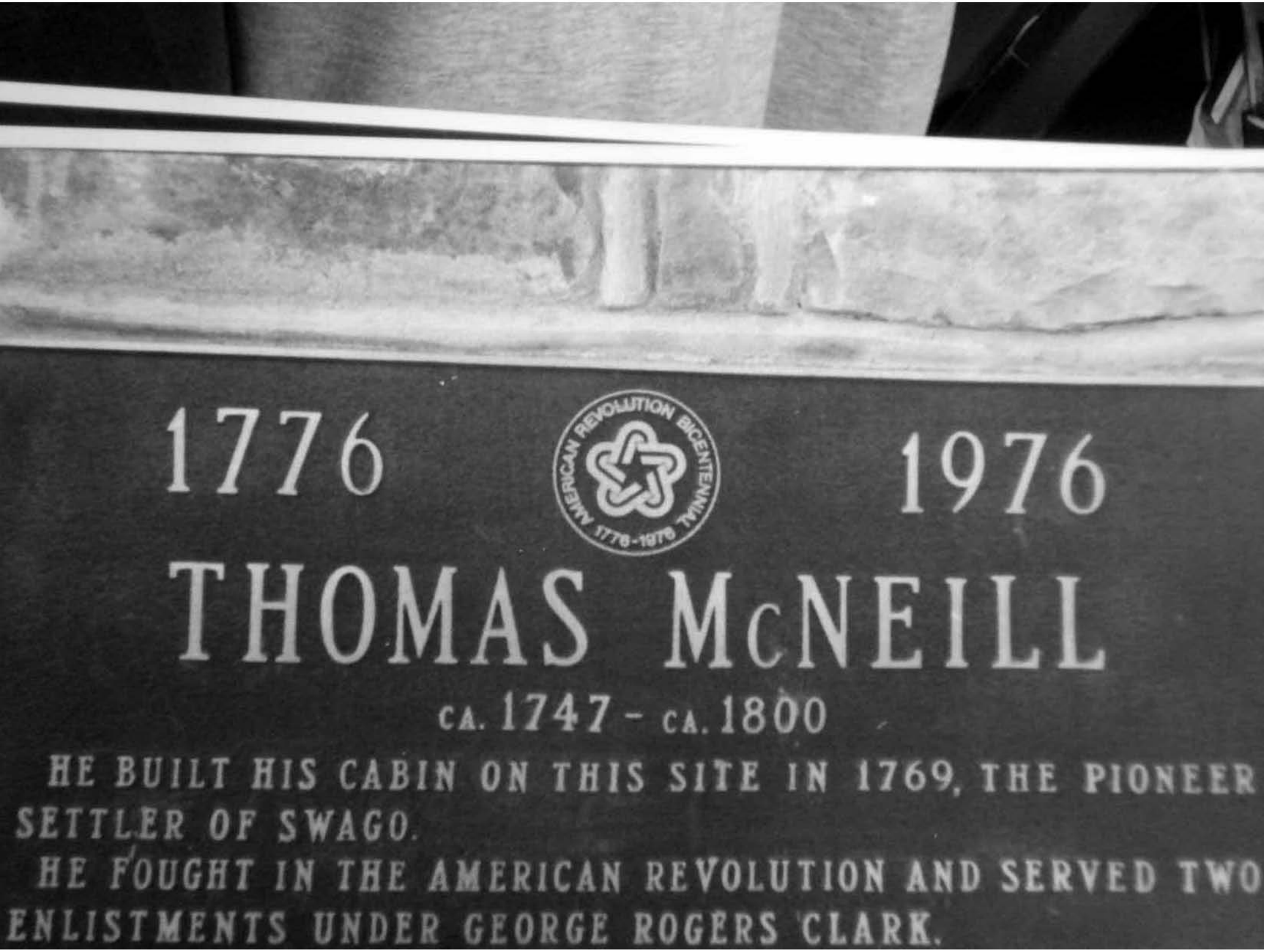
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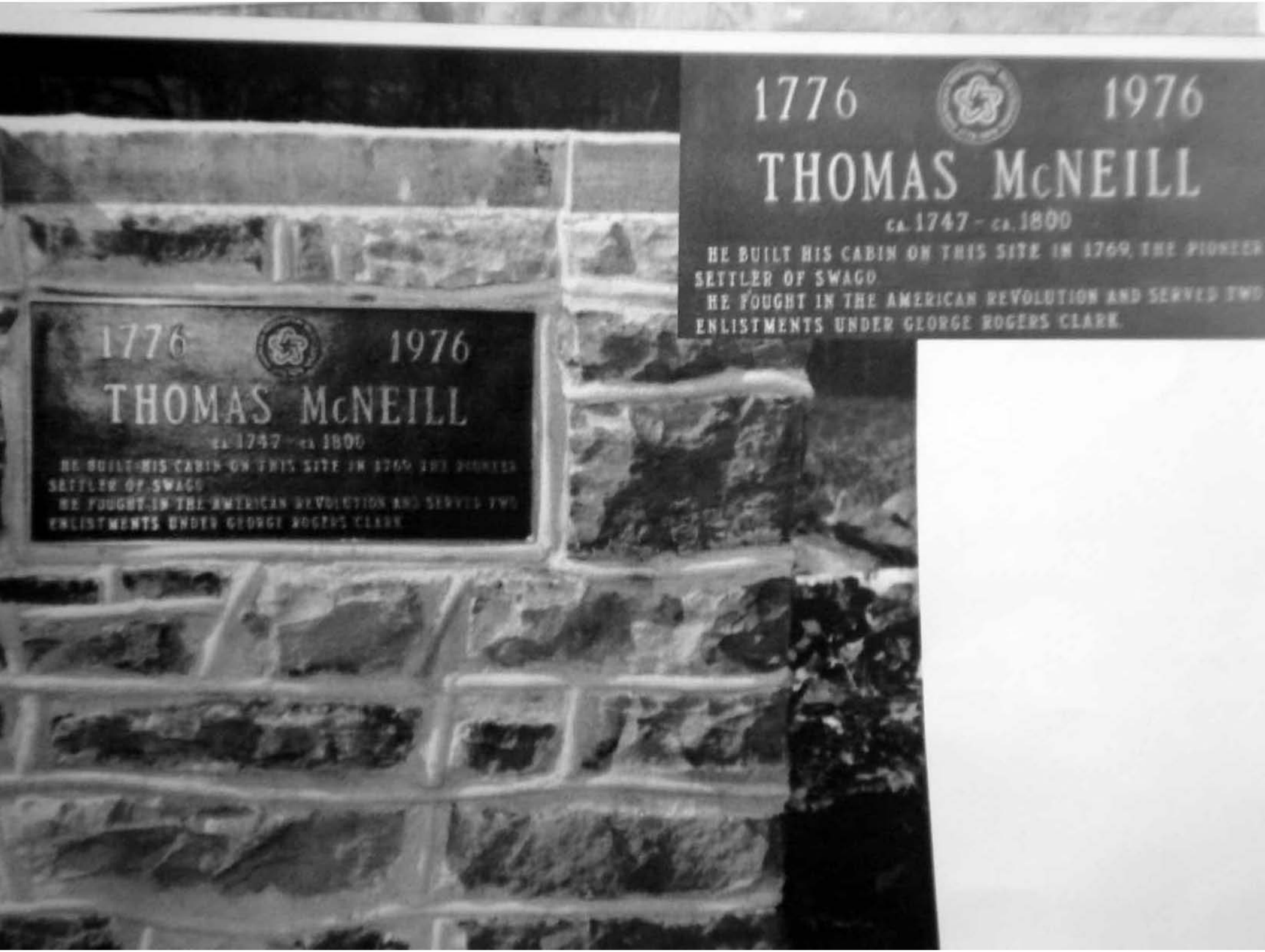
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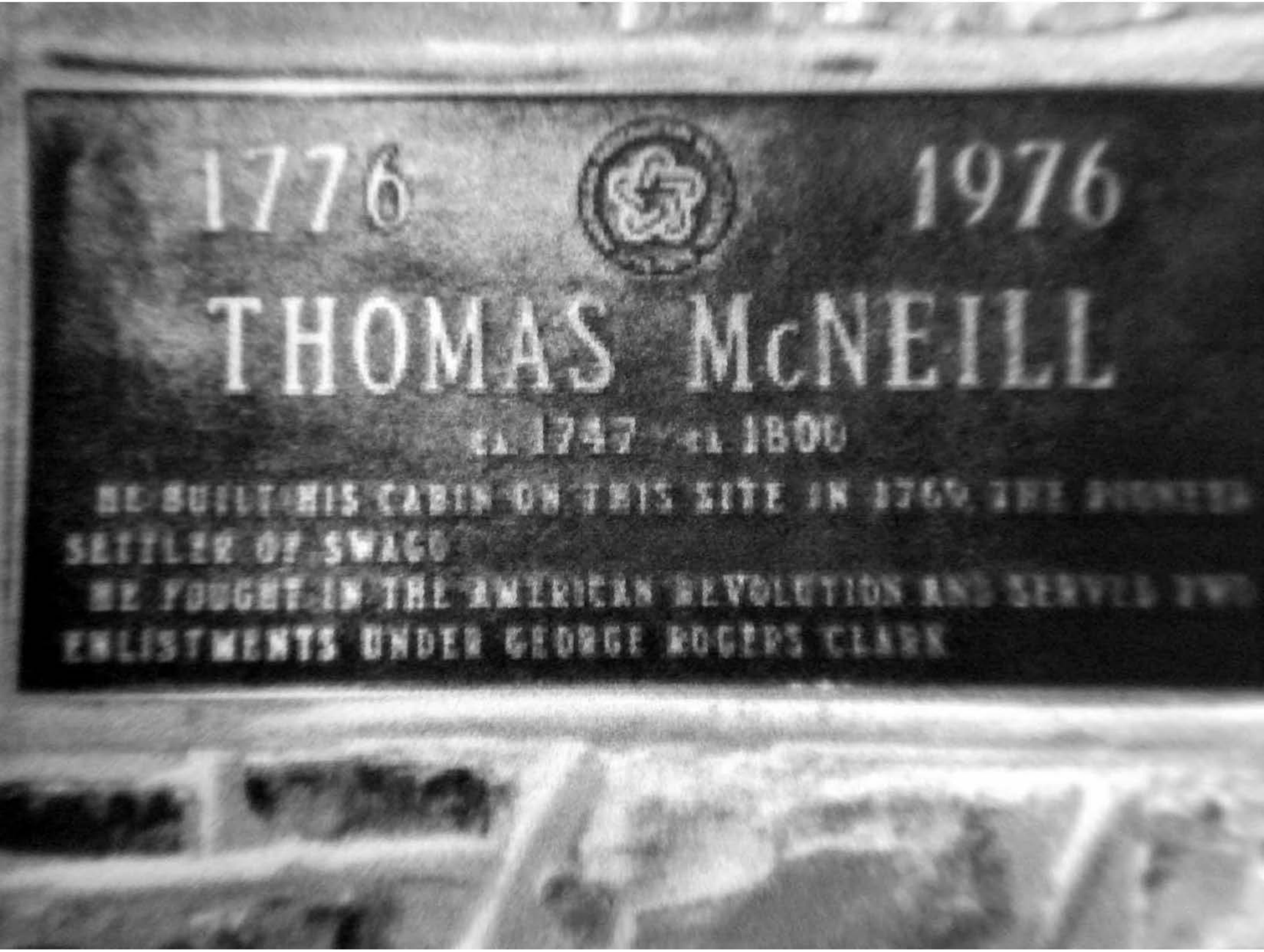
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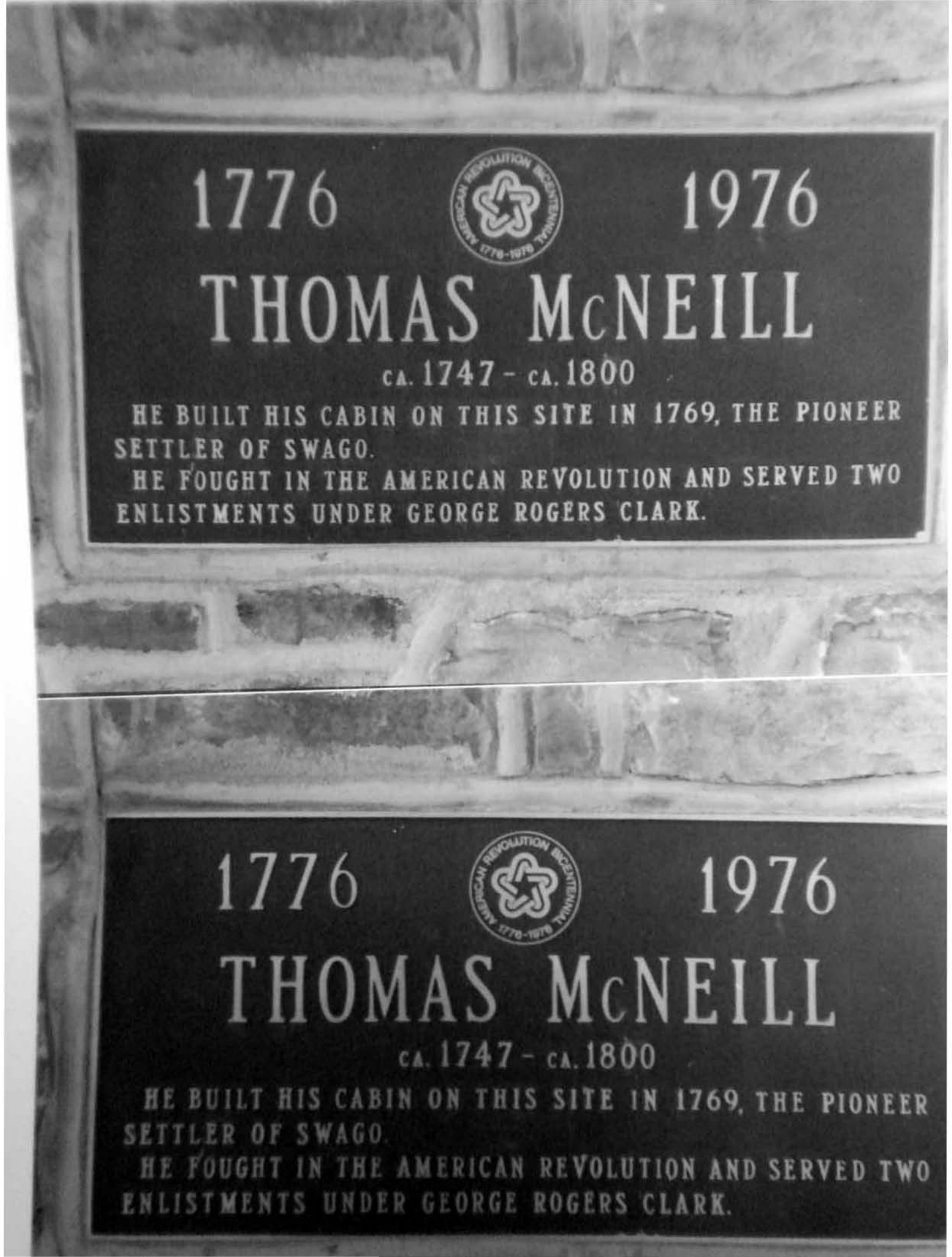
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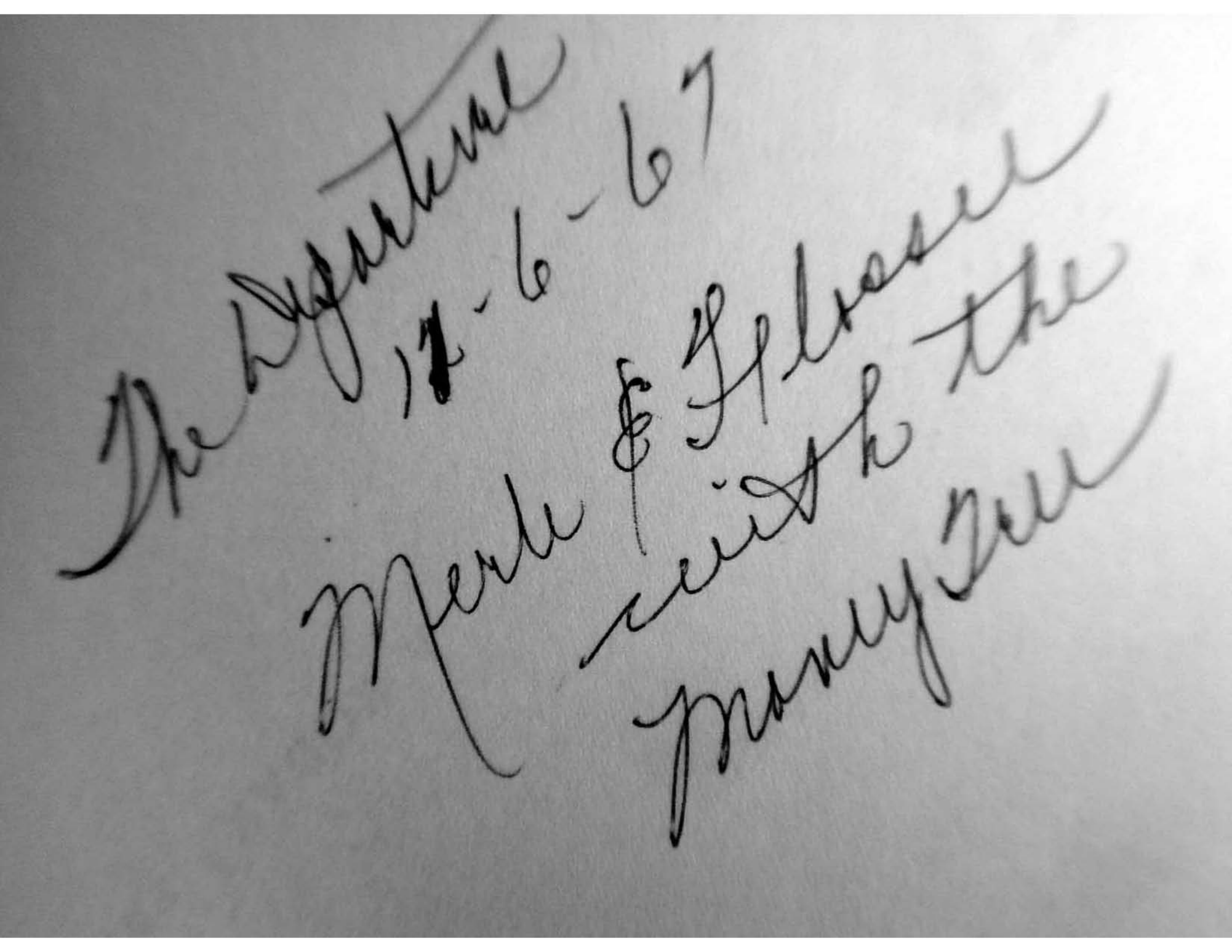

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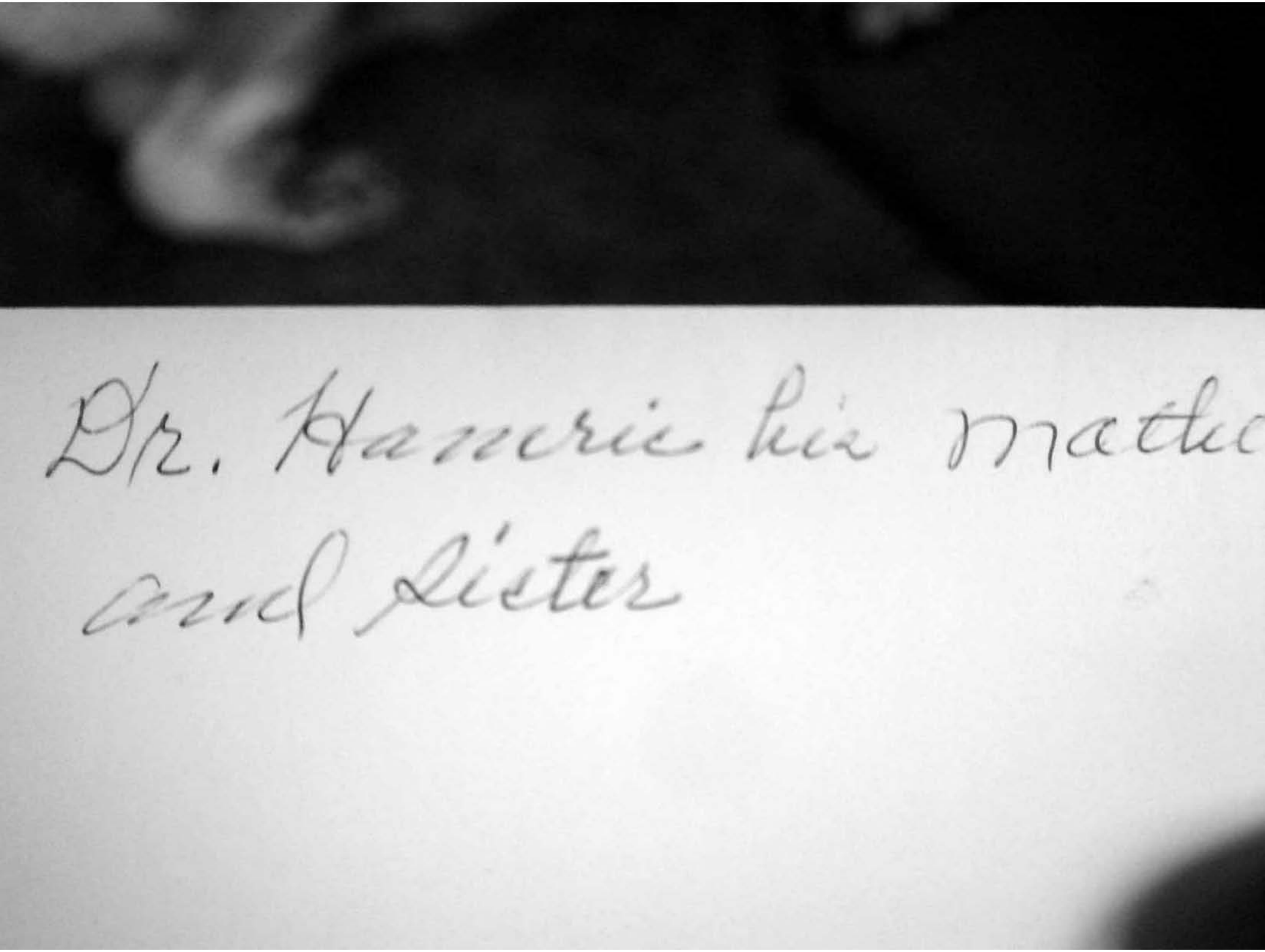

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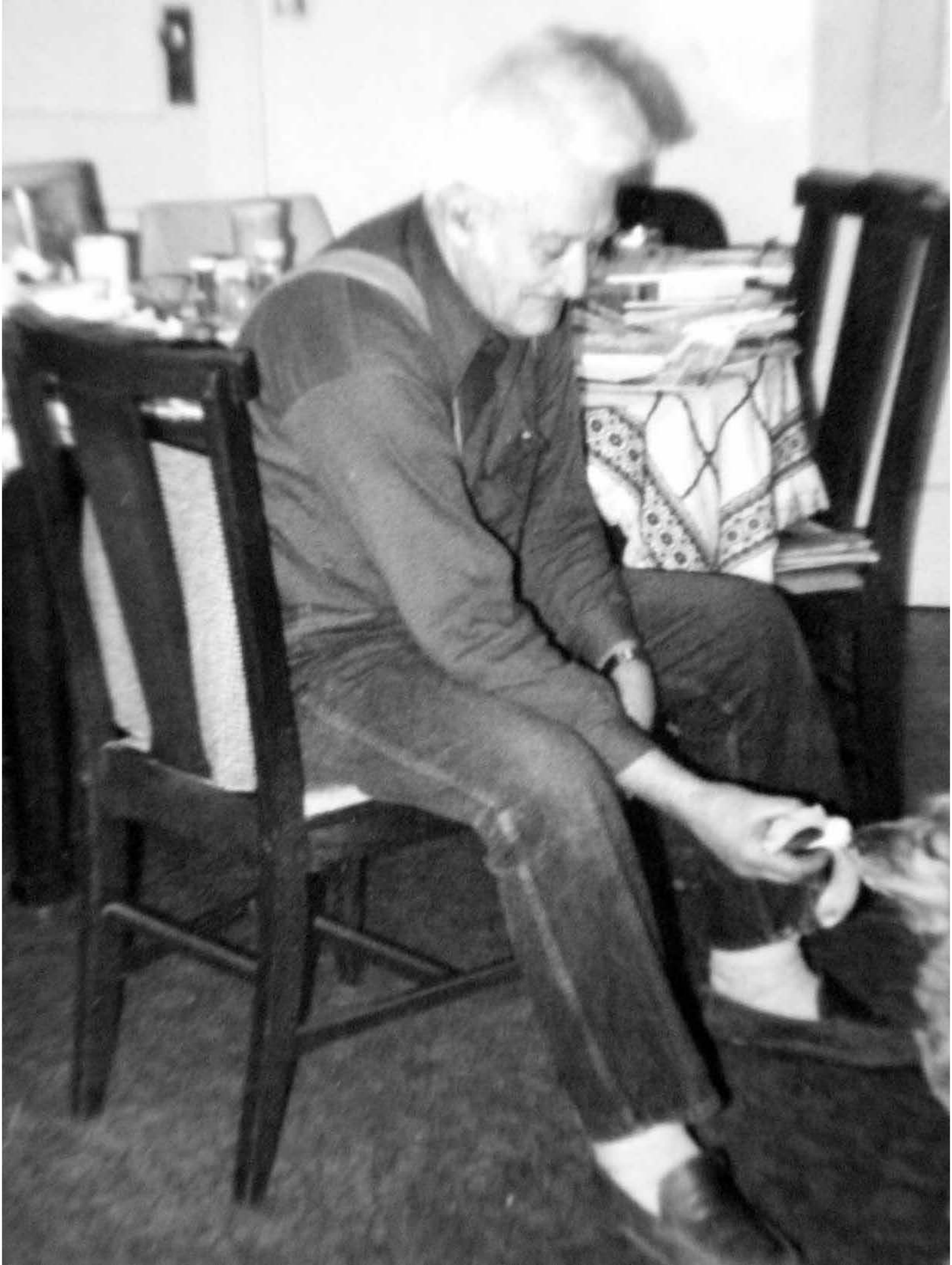

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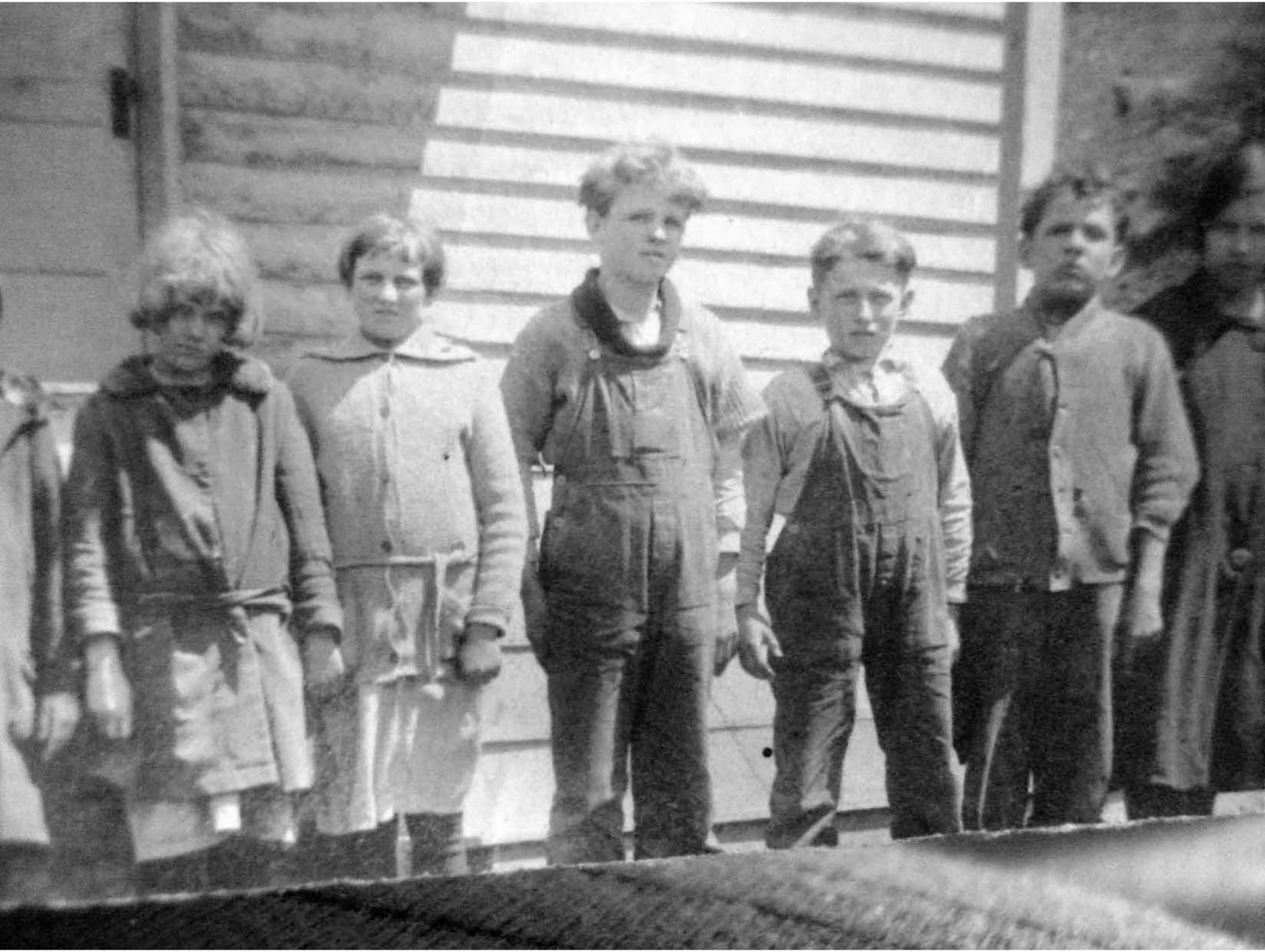


any way. They know they are welcome.

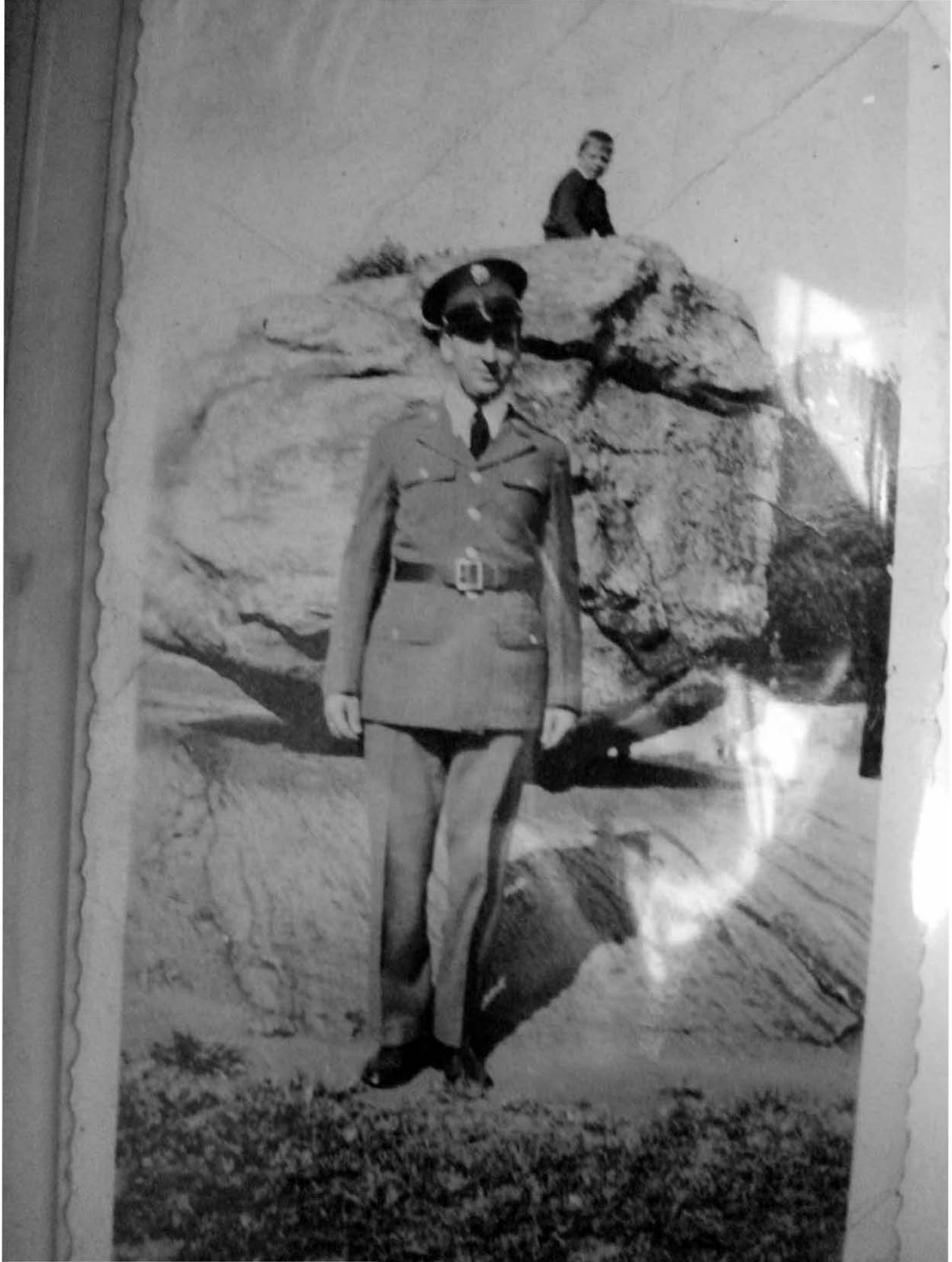
Here follows the piece printed about the wedding in this paper fifty years ago:

MARRIED

Pocahontas Times
Issue of Thursday. Feb. 5, 1903

An interesting society event transpired January 29th, 1903 on the Dry Branch of Swago at 3:00 P. M., when Geo. Douglas McNeill and Marietta Grace McNeill were united in holy matrimony, Wm. T. Price officiating upon the auspicious occasion. The bride is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McNeill, a popular teacher of public schools, and a highly estimated young person. The groom is the only son of Capt. James M. McNeill, of Buckeye vicinity, a teacher of public schools and a recent graduate in the study of law at Washington, D. C., where he served as clerk in the census department the last two or three years. The party was chaperoned by the bride's sister, Mrs. O. H. Kee, while Mr. Kee acted as the groom's best man.

A beautiful supper was spread and heartily enjoyed by forty or more persons. Miss Viola and Mittie Kee presided at the organ, and contributed much to the pleasure of the company with their performance.



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Annual

Commencement

Davis and Elkins College

Tuesday, May Twenty-Nine

Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-One

Forty-Seventh

Annual Commencement

10:20 A.M.	Processional	
Invocation		Rev. John H. Stanton
Valedictory		Roy B. Clarkson Summa Cum Laude
Solo	"Lo! Hear the Gentle Lark" Evangeline Collins Mauzy Mrs. G.H. Neale, Accompanist	Sir Henry R. Bishop
Address		Major General Charles I. Carpenter Chief of Air Force Chaplains Department of Defense Washington, D.C.
Solo	"God of the Open Air" Evangeline Collins Mauzy Mrs. G.H. Neale, Accompanist	Noble Cain
Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees		
Conferring of Honorary Degrees		
Presentation of Awards		
General Announcements		
Benediction		Rev. Walter W. White
Recessional		
Marshals:		Lorna Jeanne Greves, '52 Maurice Glenn Scott, '52

The audience will remain standing for the
Recessional

1904 — 1951

Bachelor of Arts

Adams, Catherine Terrill (cum laude) ..... Fairmont
Adams, Jacqueline Sutton ..... Narrows, Va.
*Albee, James Allen ..... Wantagh, N.Y.
*Baldwin, William DeMorris ..... Pelham, N.Y.
Bennett, Dorothy Ruth ..... Baldwin, N.Y.
*Blake, Wilbourn George ..... Clarksburg
Burns, Russell Dowell ..... Welch
Carr, Chata Ingram ..... Elkins
Chenoweth, Okey Everett, Jr. (cum laude) ..... Elkins
Clark, Melvin A. ..... Elkins
*Close, Denver H. ..... St. George
Cunningham, Betty Ann (cum laude) ..... Elkins
DeBevoise, Dorothy Virginia ..... Baldwin, N.Y.
DiGiacomo, Felix A. ..... Newark, N.J.
Ferguson, Elwood L. ..... Montrose
Geisinger, John Allen (magna cum laude) ... Millville, N.J.
Gutshall, Meade Leroy ..... Norton
*Harman, Monna Fae ..... Elkins
Hayes, Richard Perkins ..... Portsmouth, Va.
**Hedrick, Frank A. ..... Elkins
Hill, Theodore E. ..... Belington
Kim, Chong Soung ..... Seoul, Korea
Knopp, Kenneth Clay ..... Staunton, Va.
*Kotch, Ione ..... Frackville, Pa.
Lee, Donna Jane ..... Bolair
Mewha, Rebecca E. ..... Wellsburg
**Midkiff, Barbara Bird ..... Elkins
Mitchell, Barbara Elizabeth (cum laude) ..... Piedmont
*Rice, Donald L. ..... Beverly
**Right, Lee ..... Belington
Ryu, Ki-Sook (cum laude) ..... Seoul, Korea
Schuetz, Deloras Jacqueline ..... Wheeling
Schuhmann, Nelson Charles ..... Crestwood, N.Y.
Sheets, Forrest D. (cum laude) ..... Huntington
Shiflet, Elizabeth Hopkins (cum laude) ..... Gap Mills
Thomas, Richard Lynn ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
Tuttle, John L. ..... Lafayette, Calif.
**Yount, William Davis ..... Petersburg

Bachelor of Science

Andres, William Wolcott, Jr. ..... Elkins
Arrasmith, Edward Phillipps ..... Gassaway
*Bahayan, Iris Cora ..... New York, N.Y.
**Beard, Carl George, II ..... Mill Point
Brochinsky, Myron Russell ..... Ansonia, Conn.
Campbell, Paul Ray ..... Elkins
Carder, Kenneth Ellsworth ..... Ridgeley
Ceravolo, Joseph James ..... Aliquippa, Pa.
Clarkson, Roy B. (summa cum laude) ..... Cass
Cochran, Morgan Wilkins (magna cum laude) ..... Elkins
Corley, Hobert H. (magna cum laude) ..... Junior
Dailey, Robert Wood, IV ..... Romney
Darkey, Doris Jean ..... Dailey
**Gibson, Stanley G. ..... Marlinton
Hathaway, Robert Hall ..... Belington
Hill, Evelyn Jane (magna cum laude) ..... Elkins
Hill, Neil Wesley ..... Greenbank
Horn, Alfred Daniel ..... Ridgefield Park, N.J.
*Houseworth, William A. ..... Manhasset, N.Y.
*Kilduff, Timothy J. ..... Elkins
McCarley, Julian E. (magna cum laude) ..... Arlington, Va.
Madden, Joseph J., Jr. ..... Elkins
Mays, Richard Puckett (magna cum laude) ..... Beckley
Munns, George William, Jr., (cum laude) ..... Nutley, N.J.
Novitch, Edward Herbert ..... Hoboken, N.J.
Porter, Donald Kent ..... New Rochelle, N.Y.
Purvis, Matthew Robert, Jr. ..... Fanwood, N.J.
Reed, Miriam Woolworth (magna cum laude) ..... Burlington
Robinson, Bert Paul ..... Waldorf, Md.
Roltsch, Albert Lawrence ..... Bogota, N.J.
Sadowitz, Jerome (magna cum laude) ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
Sheppard, Thomas Franklyn ..... Ansonia, Conn.
Siertl, Nancy Kiess (cum laude) ..... Elkins
Smith, Leonora R. ..... Flushing, N.Y.
Smith, Robert Reed ..... Upper Montclair, N.J.
*South, Walter M. ..... Moundsville
*Stover, Thomas McNair (cum laude) ..... Doe Hill, Va.
Updike, Russell Bosworth ..... Mill Creek
**Visnich, Peter ..... Export, Pa.
Visnich, Sam ..... Export, Pa.
Vris, Thomas ..... Jutland, N.J.
Wesner, John Christopher (summa cum laude) ..... Spangler, Pa.
Wimer, Don Morris ..... Cumberland, Md.
**Winkler, Mary Margaret (magna cum laude) ..... Charleston

Bachelor of Science in Physical Education

*Bennett, John Charles ..... Wheeling
**Byrd, Jack Ardell ..... Huntersville
*Childers, Earl Stephen ..... Elkins
Clark, James Brady ..... Elkins
Fitzwater, Clarence T. ..... Stony Bottom
**Fugate, James William ..... Milton
Galford, Hubert Raymond ..... Marlinton
*Gibbelder, Edward Francis ..... Newark, N.J.
Gutshall, Neil A. ..... Norton
Hamilton, Harry William, Jr. ..... Fairlawn, N.J.
**Kerens, John W. ..... Kerens
Layman, Cecil Gordon, Jr. (cum laude) ..... Waynesboro, Va.
**McKelvey, Thomas Lester ..... West Englewood, N.J.
Madden, Robert C. ..... Elkins
Pascuzzi, Frank B. ..... Baden, Pa.
**Ritenhouse, Ernest John ..... Bergenfield, N.J.
Scarfo, Rosie Marie ..... Norton
Simmons, Eugene Neil ..... Elkins
**Stewart, Allen D. ..... Frank
Supak, Edward N. ..... St. George
Underwood, Nathaniel Benson ..... Ronceverte
Walden, Richard B. ..... Elkins
Walden, Thomas Edgar ..... Elkins

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Arbogast, Lurty Chew ..... Blue Grass, Va.
*Berke, Roger Joseph ..... Mt. Vernon, N.Y.
Brown, David Dann ..... Elkins
*Calain, Jack L. ..... Elkins
Catala, Joseph Morrell ..... Livingston, N.J.
Chase, Norman ..... New London, Conn.
Christian, Charles Clifford, Jr. ..... Kearny, N.J.
Condry, Elizabeth D. (cum laude) ..... Elkins
Cummings, James Hawthorne, Jr. (cum laude) Bloomfield, N.J.
Donaldson, Robert Carl ..... Belington
Drenkard, Allan Albert ..... Hackensack, N.J.
Earle, Richard Delbert ..... Elkins
**Forrest, Robert Arthur ..... West Englewood, N.J.
**Fredrick, Robert Clifford ..... Bloomfield, N.J.
Karcher, Frank W., Jr. ..... Floral Park, N.Y.
*Kother, Robert Ernest ..... Newark, N.J.
Leonard, Charles F. (cum laude) ..... New Rochelle, N.Y.
Lindsay, James Joseph, III. ..... Manhasset, N.Y.
Mahlman, Thomas Veitch, Jr. ..... Bronxville, N.Y.
Patchett, Roger LeRoy ..... West Englewood, N.J.
*Perry, Donald L. ..... Elkins
Phares, Stanley Virgil (cum laude) ..... Elkins
Phillips, Hayward Clinton ..... Englewood, N.J.
*Quirk, Clary Andrew ..... Baldwin, N.Y.
Reid, Robert L., Jr. ..... Mt. Vernon, N.Y.
*Reid, Warren R. ..... Elkins
Riggleman, Margaret Jeanne ..... Richmond Hills, N.Y.
**Ross, Robert John ..... Elkins
Simmons, Clarence Edwin ..... West Englewood, N.J.
Somerville, Thomas William ..... Englewood, N.J.
Tagliabue, Robert Warren ..... Elkins
Talbot, Sue Dowden ..... Valley Bend
Telemeco, William ..... Norton
Tucci, Josephine ..... Elkins
*Wamsley, Kenneth Neil ..... Circleville
Warner, Charles Jones ..... Columbus, Ohio
*Weese, Keith Conrad ..... Arlington, Va.
*Williams, Stanton Monroe ..... Heredia, Costa Rica
Figueroa, Xenia Villalon

Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Canfield, Floyd Bartlett ..... Montrose
Carpenter, Richard Gorden ..... Elkins
Feick, George, Jr. ..... Asbury Park, N.J.
Grotefend, Richard Frank ..... Tenafly, N.J.
**Johnson, Andrew Stanley ..... Clayton, N.Y.
Pishtey, Wallace ..... Yonkers, N.Y.
**Plemons, Charles Edward ..... Elkins
Reynolds, Adelbert James ..... Ashville, N.C.
Richards, Leslie William, Jr. ..... Northbrook, Ill.
Santurro, Sergio ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
**Sheakley, Edward Alexander ..... Linesville, Pa.
Silcosky, Donald N. ..... Johnsonburg, Pa.
Sytch, John, Jr. (cum laude) ..... Rahway, N.J.
*Townsend, Lorn G. (magna cum laude) ..... Diana
Ward, Robert James ..... Ellamore

Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

**Ault, William Glenn ..... Red Creek
**Bennett, Emmel Alice ..... Circleville
Blankenship, Carolyn Cole (magna cum laude) .... Pineville
Bonner, Louise Haggerty ..... Elkins
**Bullion, Lillie Mae ..... Huttonsville
**Cunningham, Wanda G. ..... Coalton
**Cutlip, Plummer F. ..... Buckeye
*Daniels, Elva Louise ..... Beverly
**Dove, Seylon ..... Riverton
**Graham, Fay Harr ..... Hendricks
Grotefend, Telete Richards ..... Tenafly, N.J.
**Harris, Macel Keener ..... Greenbank
**Hayes, Arta Lee ..... Hillsboro
**Hinkle, Coline F. ..... Parsons
**Hockenberry, I'Dell G. ..... Valley Bend
Hogshead, Sue Bell ..... Elkins
Isch, Rose F. ..... Elkins
**Kisamore, James Mason ..... Mouth of Seneca
**Mallow, Hope H. ..... Durbin
Mallow, Rubie C. ..... Macksville
**Osborne, Helen Louise ..... Mill Creek
**Sharpless, Louise B. ..... Elkins
Shiflet, Eleanor Knott (cum laude) ..... Gap Mills

Honorary Degrees

Mrs. Esther S. Allen, Doctor of Laws
Mrs. Lolas Brewer, Doctor of Laws
Mr. G.D. McNeill, Doctor of Laws
Mr. James R. Moreland, Doctor of Laws
Rev. Claude King Davis, Doctor of Divinity
Rev. John Hubert Stanton, Doctor of Divinity
Rev. Walter W. White, Doctor of Divinity

The presence of a student's name upon this program does not necessarily indicate that he will graduate with his class. All college regulations must be complied with before the diploma can be granted.

* - completed work January 27, 1951
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A TRIBUTE
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MARLINTON, W. VA.
JULY 6 1961

Memorial Obituary

Mrs. G. D. McNeill

Mrs. Marietta Grace McNeill, 82, of Buckeye, died at the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital on Saturday, July 1, 1961, after a long illness. Mrs. McNeill was born at Buckeye on January 22, 1879, the daughter of the late William C. and Susan Buckley McNeill. On January 29, 1903, she was united in marriage to George Douglas McNeill, who survives.

In her youth Mrs. McNeill was a teacher in the district schools, and throughout her life was a professing Christian and a member of the Buckeye Methodist Church.

Surviving are: her husband, G. D. McNeill of Buckeye; two sons, Ward K. McNeill of Columbus, Ohio, and James W. McNeill, of Buckeye; two daughters, Mrs. Carleton P. (Elizabeth) Dorsey and Mrs. Roger W. (Louise) Pease, both of Morgantown. Also surviving are her sister, Mrs. Edna M. Kellison, of Beard; her brother, R. S. McNeil, of Marlinton; four grandchildren: John D. McNeill, Fresno, California; Blix and Cheryl McNeill, at home; Douglas Pease, of Hanover, New Hampshire; and two great-grandchildren, Larch Ann and Rosemarie McNeill, of California.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock, July 3, at the Swago Methodist Church, with the Reverend Ezra Bennett in charge; interment followed at the family cemetery at Buckeye.

"Strength and dignity are her clothing . . . and the law of kindness is on her tongue . . . She looketh well to the ways of her household . . . Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her . . . Give her the fruit of her hands and let her works praise her in the gates."

After 5 days, return to

N. C. McNeel

MARLINTON, W. VA.

MARLINTON APR 8 W. VA.

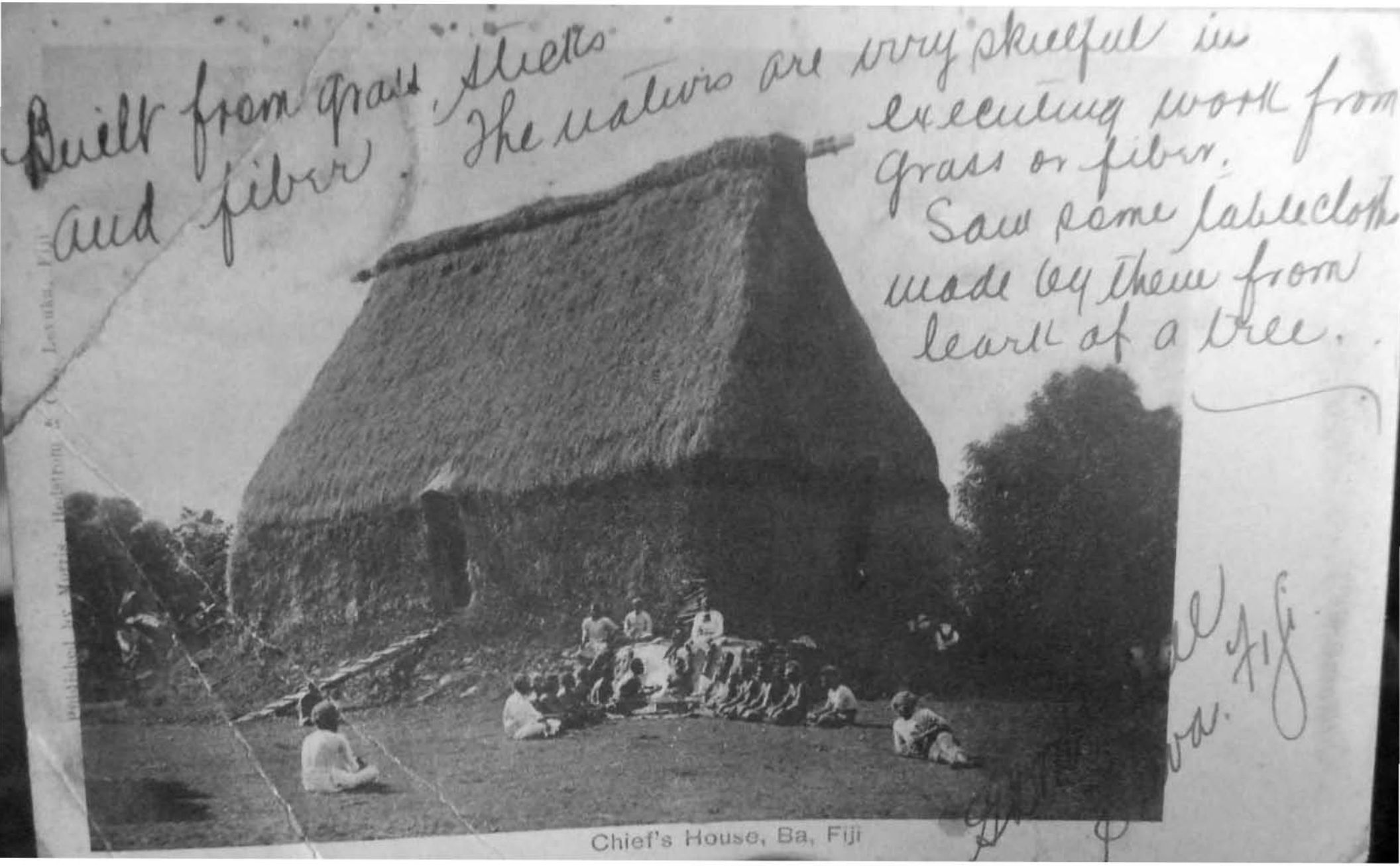
UNITED STATES TWO CENTS

Capt. James M. McNeill,

Quaker

W. Va.

Built from grass sheets and fiber. The natives are very skillful in executing work from grass or fiber. Saw some tablecloth made by them from bark of a tree. . .



Chief's House, Ba, Fiji

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Correspondence

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James M. McNeil

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THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

Miss Elizabeth McNeill

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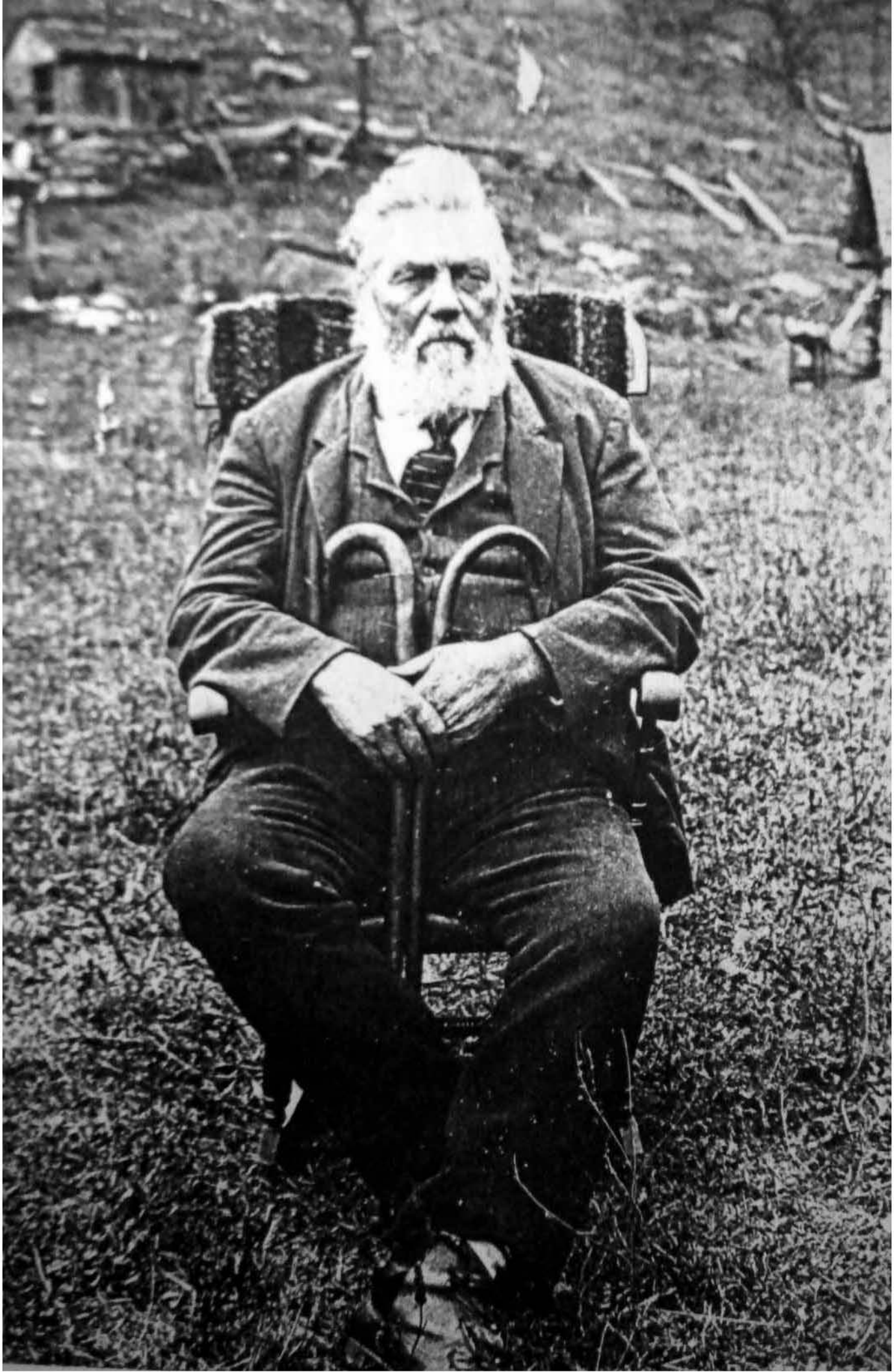

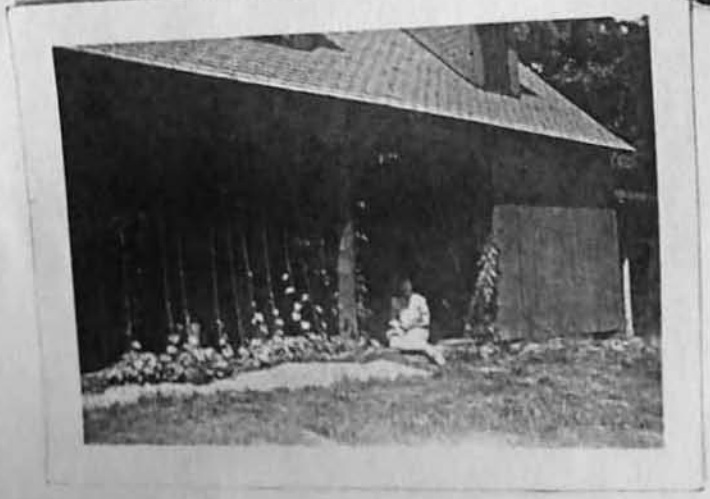

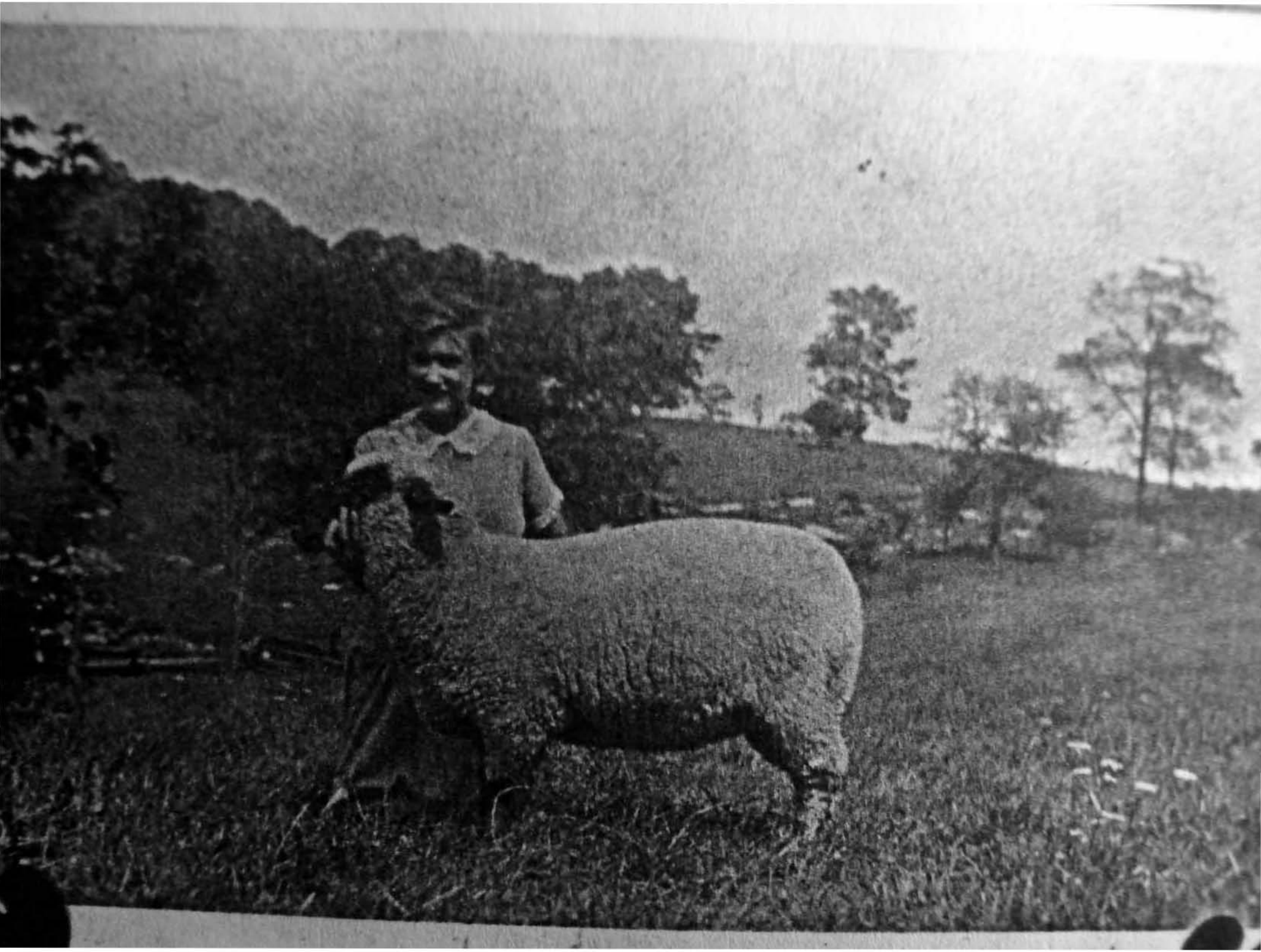

Washington McNeill
Was born March the 14th 1825
Died Feb the 17th 1864
He was taken from home
By the confederate authority's
the 12th 1864
Died Feb at Richmond Va
Camp Lee Hospitle
Feb the 17th 1864

Evaline Waugh was
Born October the 8th 1832
Died December 1920

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

Distinctive Service

This certifies that George D. McNeill has rendered 35 years of service to Public Education in West Virginia and in sincere appreciation and high praise of such service this award is presented.

W. W. Trent
State Superintendent of Free Schools

Paige Woolridge
President, West Virginia Board of Education, 1955-56

DATE June 1956

Office of
Mack H. Brooks
County Superintendent
J. K. Arbogast
Assistant Superintendent

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November 30, 1956

Dr. George D. McNeill
Buckeye, West Virginia

Dear Dr. McNeill:

We were very sorry you were unable to be present at the Classroom Teachers' Association Dinner Meeting, November 29. We missed you, because you were recognized as one of the outstanding leaders of the boys and girls of this county during your teaching career.

I am enclosing a copy of the program and a Certificate for Distinctive Service from the State of West Virginia.

With kindest personal regards to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mack H. Brooks

Mack H. Brooks, Superintendent
Pocahontas County Schools

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Enclosure

THE OLD ENGLISH

A HUNDRED YEARS OF SOCCER

By Louise McNeill-Pease
Poet Laureate of West Virginia

Davis & Elkins College

Editor's Note: The following story, penned as a gift to Davis & Elkins College by West Virginia's Poet Laureate Louise MacNeill Pease, coincides with the College's 1992-93 academic theme, Year of the Book, and the dedication of the new Booth Library which opens this fall. This descriptive work reflects the competitive and joyous spirit of the Scotch/Irish pioneers in West Virginia, and provides real-life insight into the physical endeavors and rich traditions of soccer. The game of soccer has long been an intercollegiate sports emphasis at Davis & Elkins College, and continues the tradition of mutual support by both College and community.

The author's association with the College began in 1942 when her father, the late G. Douglas McNeill, a former lawyer and high school administrator, was appointed associate professor of social science. Because of her great affection for the College, Mrs. Pease has donated her literary works, both published and unpublished, to the growing archival collection in the Booth Library at Davis & Elkins College. This story has been printed as a "pull out" supplement so that it can be removed in its entirety and shared with others.

As soon as I got off the phone call from Annabelle, I knew something had hit me. I was dizzy as a top, and I could hear a name going over and over in my head: "MacQueen!" "Mr. MacQueen!" Annabelle is my sister-in-law and lives up in Pocahontas County (West Virginia), while I live, mostly, in my lift chair down here in Kanawha. I'm 80 1/2 years old and in a rest home, so I do a lot of calling and Annabelle calls me with the news—like with "MacQueen".

As I quieted down, I realized that Annabelle had been telling me about Jamie's Hillsboro soccer team beating Elkins twice, tying Beckley, etc., etc. There's this all-county soccer league for the kids, but Hillsboro is only a village with a few farms gathered round; and Beckley is a coal city, and I had become so flabbergasted on the phone about how Hillsboro could tie Beckley. Jamie is my great nephew and Annabelle's grandson; so naturally, she was trying to explain Mr. MacQueen . . . . "Mr. MacQueen!" That was it! This MacQueen was a Hillsboro farmer who had come over from Scotland and had taught soccer to Joe and Howard Walker when they were kids. Now Jamie was the kid and Joe his coach, with Howard helping out a little with "The Old English." So - then I knew I had made one of my far-off connections. Why, a man named McKenzie had come to the English Colony more than a hundred years ago; and the English lawyer, J.H.G. Wilson, a soccer expert, had taught the Pocahontas boys how to play. "G. D.", my father, was on that Wilson team and on and on the connections, till one fall, a team of Pocahontas boys had whipped D.C. for the national championship.

This soccer story had come to me, hit me like a head butt. But I don't know much more about soccer than I do about the Doppler Effect, whatever that is. So I got on the phone and called the Davis & Elkins College library and asked for a Xerox. I knew "G. D." had published something about soccer and the English Colony back in the 1950's. Next I wrote Jane Price Sharp at the Pocahontas Times office. I knew Jane could answer a question no one else could, and she could send me some stuff about the Frost team.

By now I knew what I was tracking: a hundred years of soccer the English had left us when they went away. Soccer, head butts, dribbles, "The Old English", as "G. D." said to me that night of his heart attack.

Before long, Jane and the Davis & Elkins library sent a sheaf of Xeroxes, and I began to take notes on the back of old envelopes. I like to keep organized. Especially when I'm working within a chronology; and this story had a good, straight chronology on the English Colony—when it began and when it ended: 1883-1915.

In 1883 two aristocratic Englishmen, Charles Bruce and R. B. Chomondlay, came to Walter Tuke's in Millboro, Virginia. Bruce was an Oxford professor, and he and Chomondlay were on a hunting trip and also on a land-looking expedition. At Tuke's or on their way farther west, they met Andrew McLaughlin, who, at the time, owned much of the rich, level land upon which the town of Marlinton stands today. McLaughlin encouraged the visitors, talked to them about their plans for sheep farming in America, and pointed them on their westward way.

They came to the headspring of Tygart River, and before them lay the romantic dream. Standing above were the mountains covered with virgin spruce and pine. Below the mountains were the cleared slopes of bluegrass pasture. They could hear the very headspring of Tygart River purling out of the earth.

The woods were full of game: bear, deer, panther, pheasant, turkey; and the water branches were alive with brook trout. The birthplace of the winding Elk River lay not far to the eastward; and there were local farms, neighbors—not too many the Englishmen trusted—to despoil their paradise.

They bought, "cheap as dirt," a large tract of land. Then, with their traveling cook, Loyd, and possibly help also from some native workers, cut timber and built two sturdy houses. Bruce called his "The Glen."

Before long, though records are not clear as to the arrangements, Mrs. Bruce arrived from England bringing with her the two Bruce children and two servant maids.

After this pioneer settlement, the influx of English settlers was rapid and enthusiastic

Geographically, the settlement was to extend, finally, from Linwood to Mingo. Houses such as "New Market" and "Fair Haven" and sheep farms scattered uphill and down dale. The sheep were usually Hampshire, Southdown, or Cheviot, and were shipped to market on a branch of the new C & O Railroad which was coming in to haul out the hardwood timber of the new, fast-running lumber boom.

The Englishmen were of that hardy sporting breed. A race track was built, a polo field, tennis courts, soccer fields. There was a zest for fly fishing; and also that famous marathon race between young Norman Price of Marlinton and the Englishman, F.S.L. Grews. Grews won the race from Mingo to the Marlinton bridge, covering some 25 miles in 2 hours, 59 minutes—crossing, on his way, three "formidable spurs of the Big Allegheny." But a few weeks later, Grews, out alone on a bear hunt, did not return by nightfall. Search was made. Grews was found lying on a flat rock, stone dead. He was buried in the Mingo graveyard; and, for him, I remember that: "There is some corner of a foreign field that is forever England."

As I think of the great Mountain Marathon, "G. D.'s" voice comes back to me from a corner of our home fireplace, though I can remember only the gist of what he said. The Greek boy fell dead in the market square. If you count the time, Grews made a real run. When they found him, no sign of a struggle. Probably over-developed heart. As "G. D." speaks, the fire flames spin and cinders fall down. Some of the English, Oxford graduates. Some, younger sons of the nobility. Brought their maids, cooks, nurses, governesses, even a horse trainer. Then there was that Wilson, J.H.G. Wilson, just out of Oxford, and set up his law practice in Marlinton. As "G. D." wrote in the article, "This Wilson was a soccer player deluxe." I remember his voice again, "A soccer player if I ever saw one. Coached us Marlinton boys. The thing spread. A soccer field in every holler and hamlet."

Because this "hollow and hamlet" growth of soccer paralleled the big years of our mountain timber boom, it is easy to imagine these great soccer games on a summer, Saturday afternoon. For Saturday was pronounced a holiday, and one can enlarge the length of the standard soccer field to 150 yards so as to make room for the 50 players on each side.

Here they were—say in one of Uncle Bob's or Uncle Jim Gibson's big stubble fields on Elk. The players, as they line up, are a "Motley Crew": farmers, loggers, and "nimble barefoot youths of twelve." The men are in their logger shirts and in cowhide boots or calk-heeled logger shoes. Some of the men wear long whiskers, and maybe there is a chew of "Brown Mule" tucked carefully back in the jaw.

The contest is fierce, sometimes bloody: calk-heeled boot on bare shin bone, a secret poke at a nose, and the whoops and hollers, "The Old English" head butt cracking against the ball, the mass of fans running up and down the sidelines, a few bottles of redeye whiskey passing up and down to thirst-quench the screaming crowd or even to bring a withering player back on his feet.

Lawyer Wilson's "Oxford" team from Marlinton was disgracefully beaten in the first game with the English, but there is a far sharper point, an historic point, to be made here. For a few of these native teams continued for more than 30 years and, then, sent their offshoots into the future, a future that extends through the generations even to the Hillsboro kids, even to "Mr. MacQueen."

This long and prosperous life was not, however, to bless the English Colony itself. The late 1880's and the early 1890's were the golden years. Altogether, those who came and "tarried for awhile" numbered about 50. A few of their names evoke, "This happy breed of men, this little world": Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bruce and maid; W. T. and J. D. Langwerthy; James McKenzie; P. C. Puckle; Hubert Eainshaw and mother; Mr. and Mrs. Latimer Tuke and daughter, Gladys.

The era 1885-1900 can be seen as the years of growth and a certain stability. But the Boer War in South Africa (1899) and World War I (1915) called some of the men to Old England's need. One of these Mingo volunteers died in the Boer War and two in World War I. There were also two meaningful departures farther into West Virginia. The Latimer Tuke family, in 1908, moved to another farm near White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier County. Also, Rev. O. N. Miles began to move his family to the little country churches: to Linwood, to Cloverlick, finally to Marlinton. Today, 1991, no known living descendant of the Colony remains in America. Yet the English had left to the people of Randolph and Pocahontas treasures now beyond recall. Certainly, they had left a touch of their gentle manners, a half-tone of their gentle speech, a measure of their "sporting blood," and a kind of exotic legend to tell by the fire. Most of all they had left their soccer. The first two Englishmen came to Walker Tuke's in Millboro, 1883; Jamie's schoolboy soccer league was organized in the late 1970's; and in between were those bursts of life, those lifts of joy, those legends of war and sacrifice, those summer Saturdays, those living fields of the sun.

It has been recorded that after the departure of the

English, some of the Pocahontas soccer teams lived on for 30 years. Actually a few lived more than 30, and the team at Frost is a prime example. The Frost team was organized before 1900 and was still playing in 1937. Another enduring team was in the Brush Country where Willie Dilley and some of his brothers played.

I am 80 years old with a fair memory, and my brother Jim and I both remember at least one game on the field behind the old Marlinton High School. "G. D." played in this game and was 48-50 years old. Other more notable games were played at the "Old Fairground", up Greenbrier River. In one of these Fairground games, Frost played Luke, Maryland. Another big game was between Frost and Newport News, Virginia. The crowd was estimated at 3,500. The last organized Frost team played, in 1937, a championship game against D.C. So the Frost team, organized before 1900, did indeed, play more than 30 years. A picture of the Frost team, in official uniforms, is printed in the Pocahontas County History, 1981. It is a team essentially of Sharps and Dilleys. Names listed are: Bob Curry, Willie Dilley, Kyle Sharp, Earl Sharp, Ashley Dilley, Floyd Dilley, Roy Dilley, Delbert Reed, Johnny Sharp, Blair Sharp, Basil Sharp, Leo Dilley, and Ernest Sharp.

The years between 1937 and 1941 are not long. They seem to rush by. Suddenly, in December 1941, stands that iron crossway where many must meet and many must part. That crossway was Sunday morning, December 7. "Calling all ships!" "Calling all ships!"

Some Englishmen had left the Mingo Colony in 1915 to go into World War I. I mull it over: how the sons of some of these Mingo English might have played soccer with Basil Sharp on the fields of France.

"G. D.", in the fall of 1941, had retired from his high school job in Pocahontas and gone, when he was 63, to teach at Davis & Elkins College over in Randolph County. Basil Sharp had attended Davis & Elkins before World War II loomed on our horizons. At Davis & Elkins, Basil had played regular football, finished his college work, and in 1941, was coaching football in Pocahontas.

"G. D.", over at Davis & Elkins that fall of 1941, looked around to find a flat place. When he had been 23, he had been one of Lawyer J.H.G. Wilson's Marlinton boys. Now at 63 he became the first (if highly unofficial coach) of Davis & Elkins' soccer team. This first team was only a small start on a long way. But it was the start of the Davis & Elkins teams which had coaches, of the Davis & Elkins team that won the U.S. Championship, of the many teams that stood out and still stand in the nation as powers to reckon with. All the way from Oxford University — "old J.H.G.", as "G. D." would say it, had done "pretty well."

I wrote to Jane Price Sharp to find out if Basil had played soccer at Davis & Elkins. No. Basil had never played soccer at Davis & Elkins. There was no soccer team. Plain enough. But he had played it on the Fields of France. When back from the Front, Basil had played old J.H.G.'s Oxford soccer on the Fields of France. Then one time when Basil didn't come back from the Front, he became, along with a few of our other boys, a legend because he would never grow old.

"G. D." stayed at Davis & Elkins through the war and taught the raw military recruits the geography of the Pacific: Philippine Islands, Iwo Jima, Coral Sea. Then he stayed on to teach the "G.I." boys back from the war, teaching them economics and business law.

"And is the field still playing?" One night when "G. D." was 71-72, I had rushed halfway across the state to stand at his bedside in an Elkins hospital. A heart attack had hit him like a thunderbolt. As I stood there drawn-faced and exhausted, he looked up at me with those cool brown eyes. "This evening, up on the field, I was showing the boys. A little of The Old English. Don't tell your mother."

So now in 1991, Jamie's Hillsboro team has beaten Elkins, tied Beckley, beaten Bridgeport, etc. As I think about it all, my heart goes quiet. The English Colony at Mingo, Lawyer Wilson, "G. D.", Basil, young Jamie, Willie Dilley, Mr. MacQueen—all mixed up with the Frost boys and all the old boys, like Kilroy, who was here, and all the old soldier boys of England and France, mixed somehow, too, with the boys of "Desert Storm". Or if I think down deeper, mixed forever with those Saturday afternoons of joy in the stubble Fields of the Sun.

This picture was taken by Larry Webster
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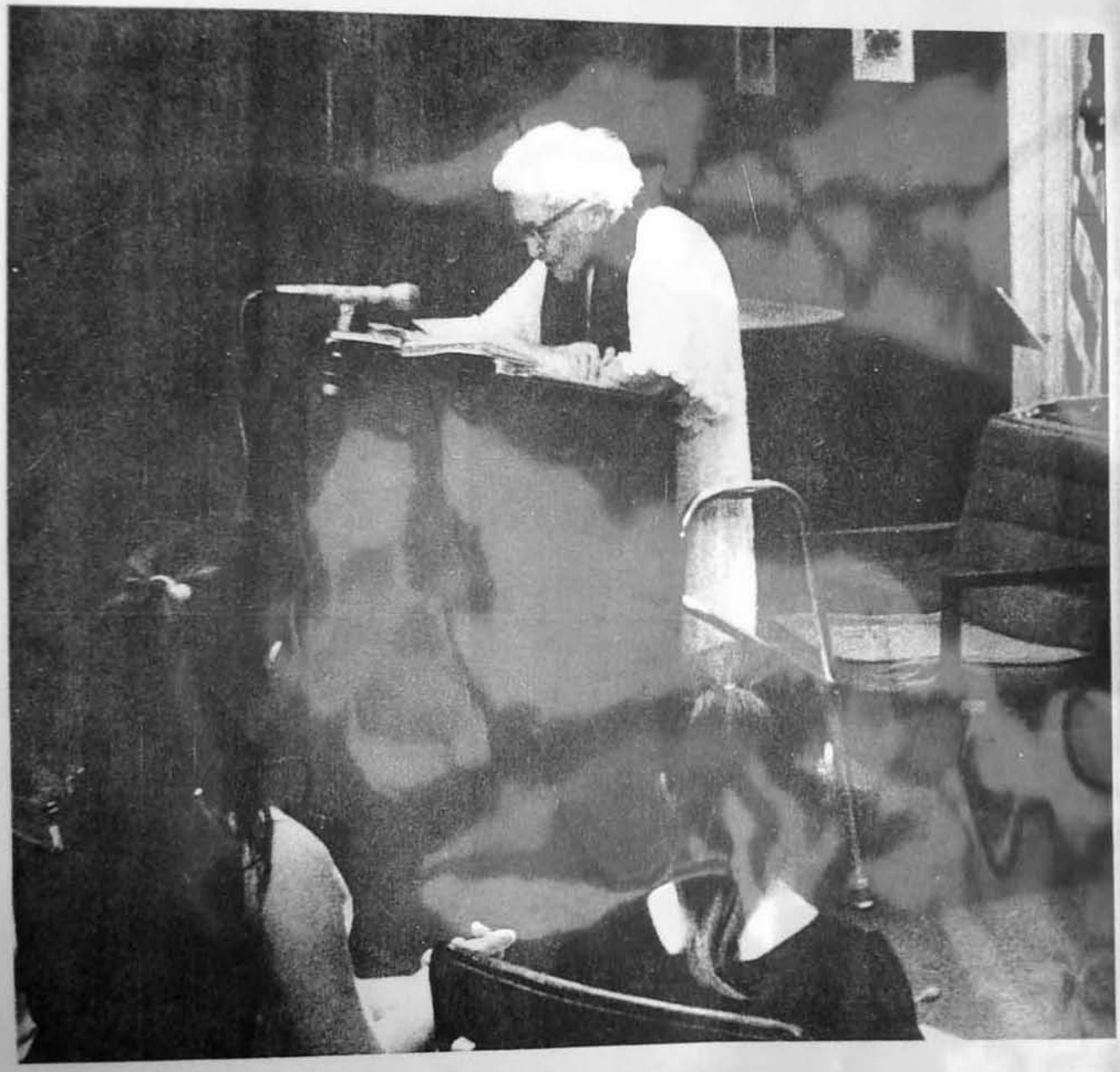
Little White House

LOUISE MCNEILL READS IN ST. ALBANS



Louise McNeill, the Poet Laureate of West Virginia, gave a poetry reading at the St. Albans Branch Library during National Library Week. The reading was recorded by West Virginia Public Radio which is preparing a documentary on Dr. McNeill. The poet now resides in Malden, West Virginia, in Kanawha County.

Gordon Simmons of TransAllegheny Books in Charleston introduced Mrs. McNeill. Adding a touch of class to the evening were Willard Reynolds and Jim Snyder, both staff members at Kanawha County Public Library, who provided special music. Snyder put Dr. McNeill's poem "Monogahela" to music.

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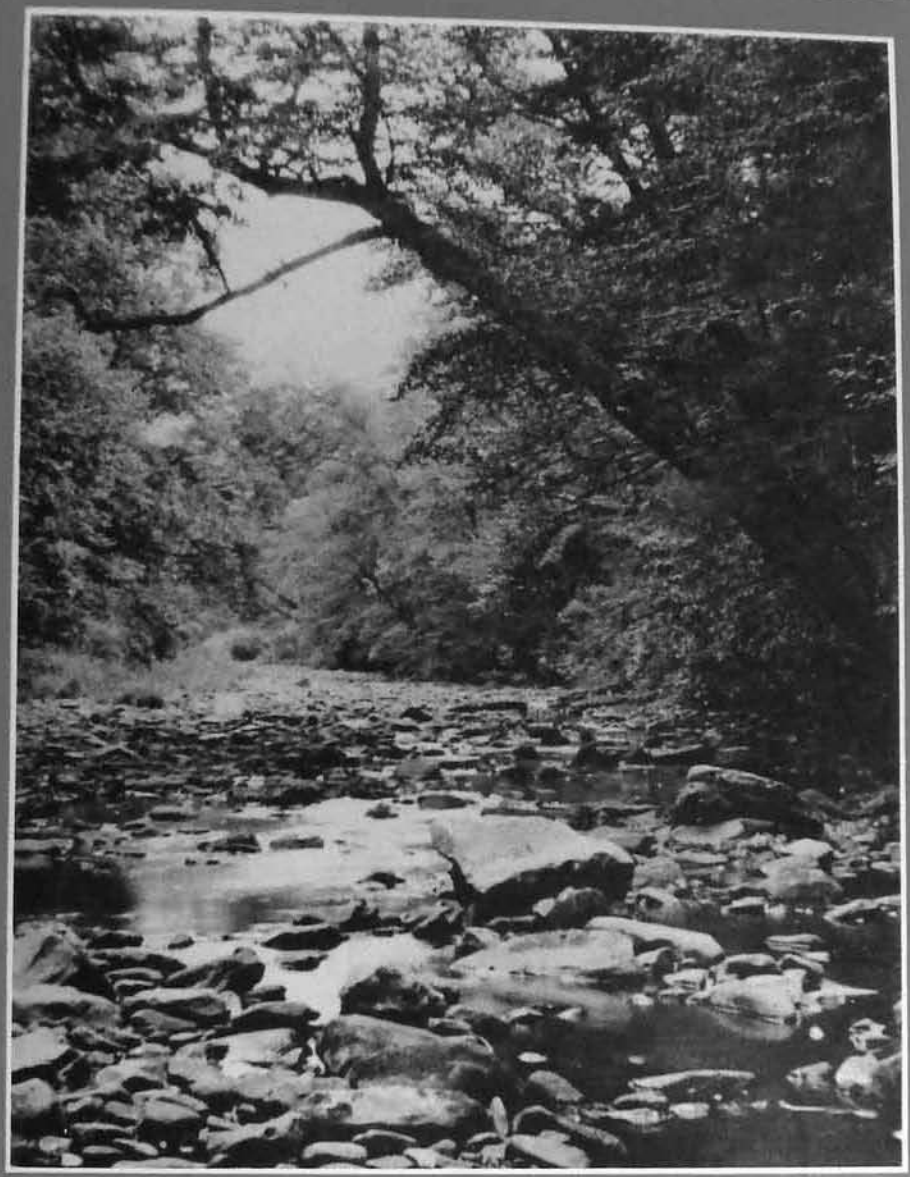

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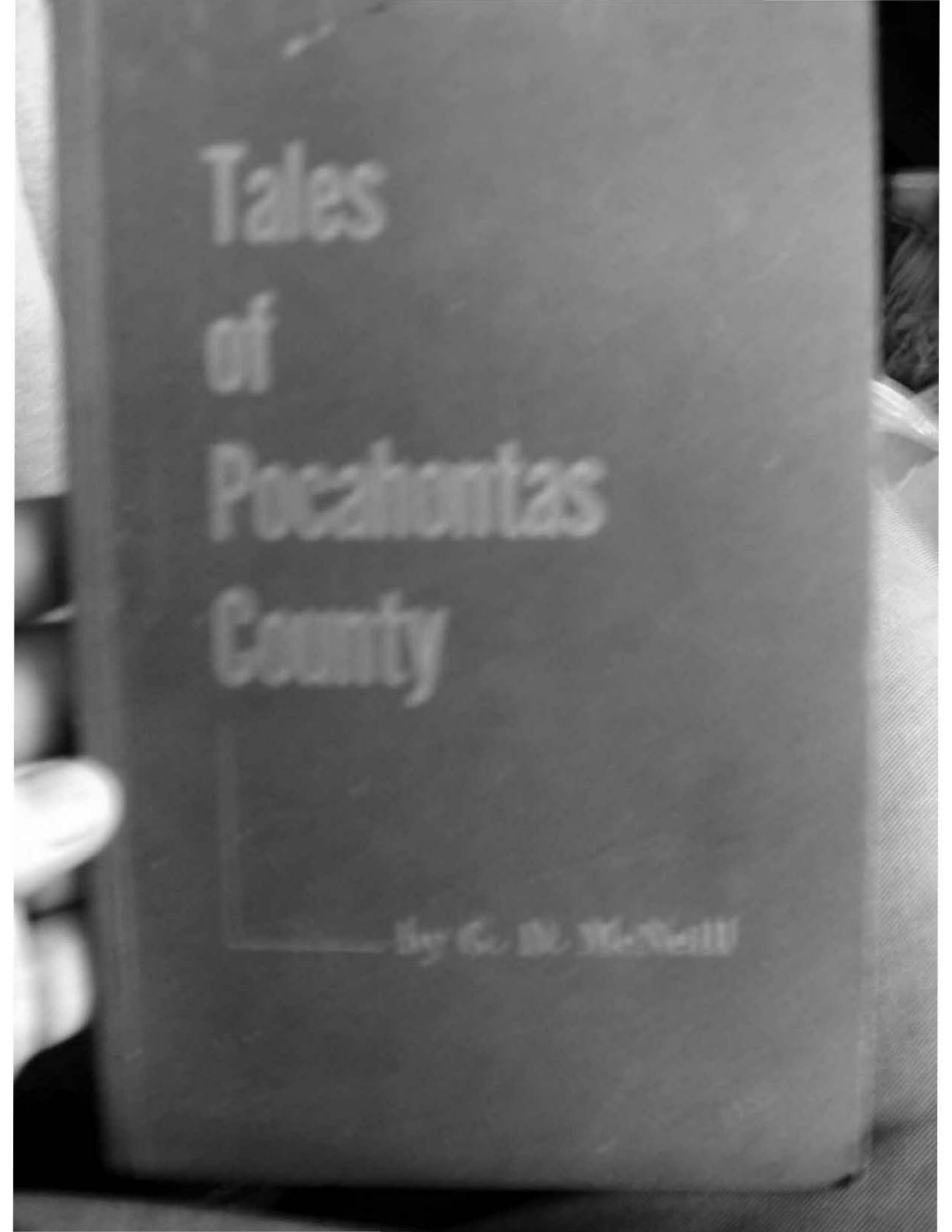
Tales of the Allegheny Woods

By G.D. (Douglas) McNeill

Preface by Louise McNeill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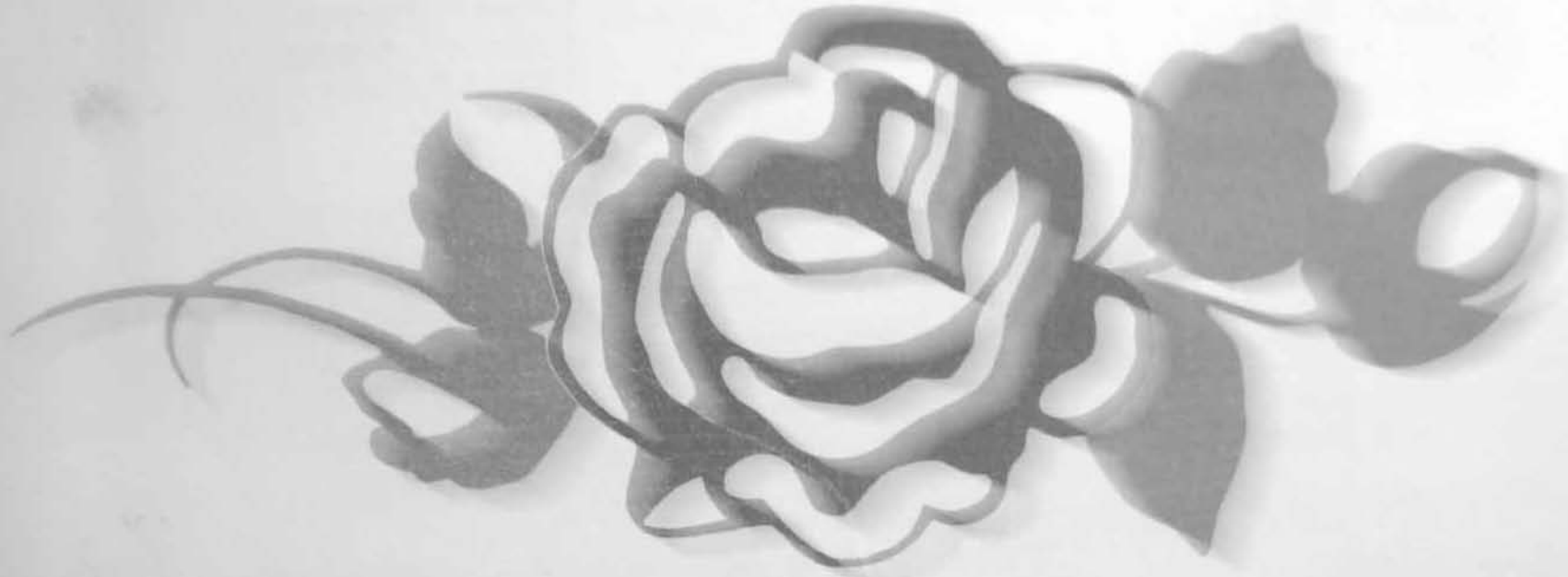

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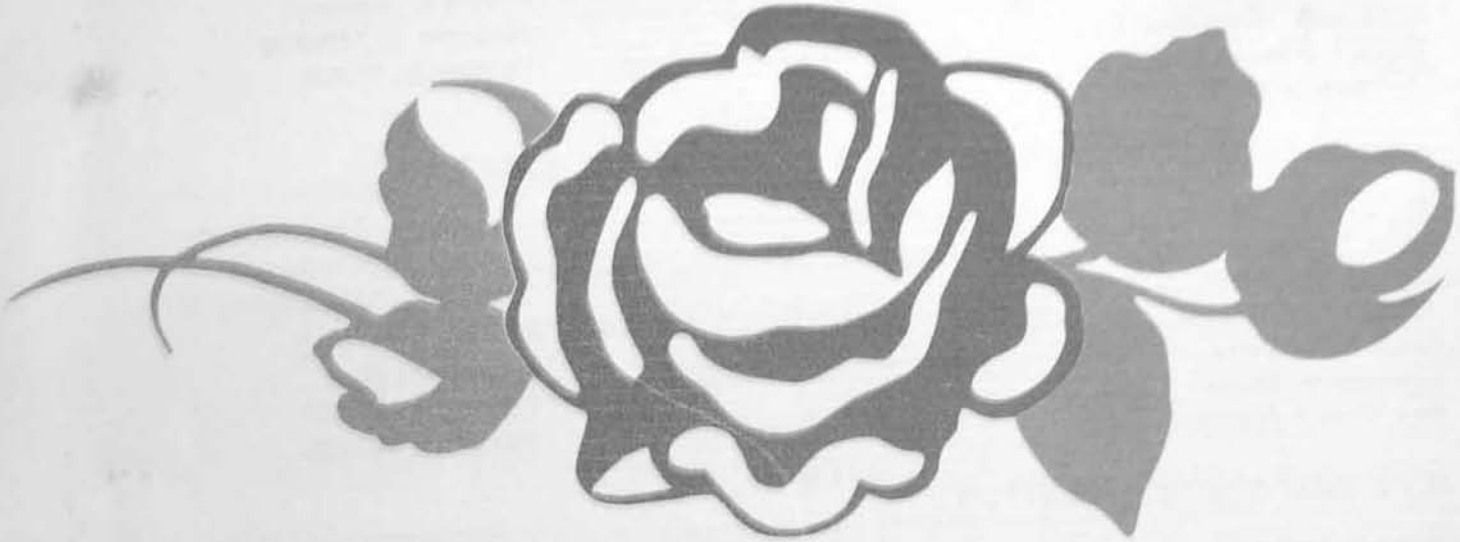

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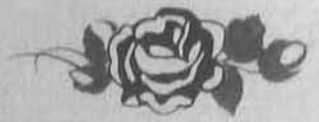

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Roast Sliced Tenderloin
Sausage Links
French Cut Green Bean Almondine Casserole
Home Fries
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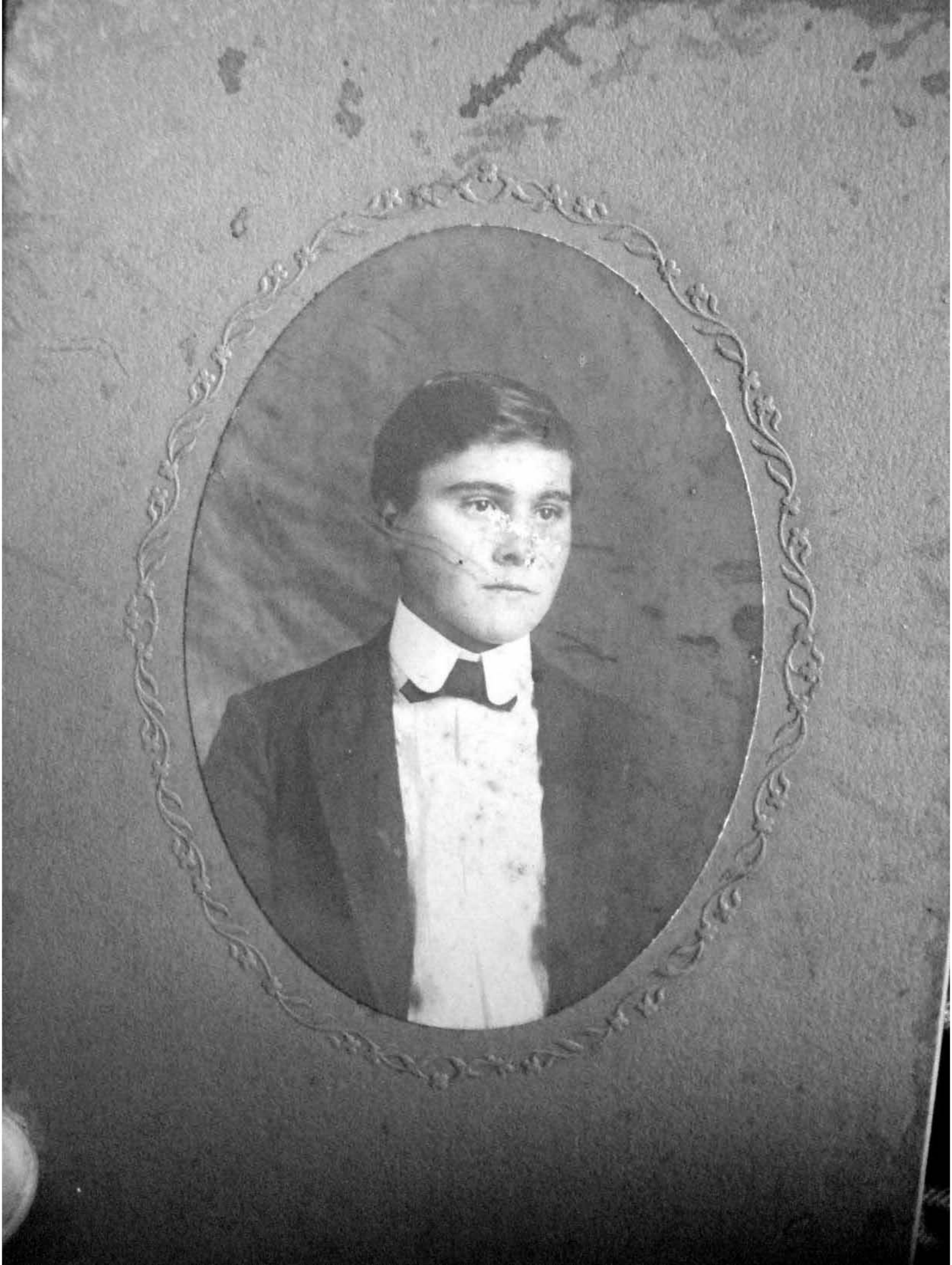

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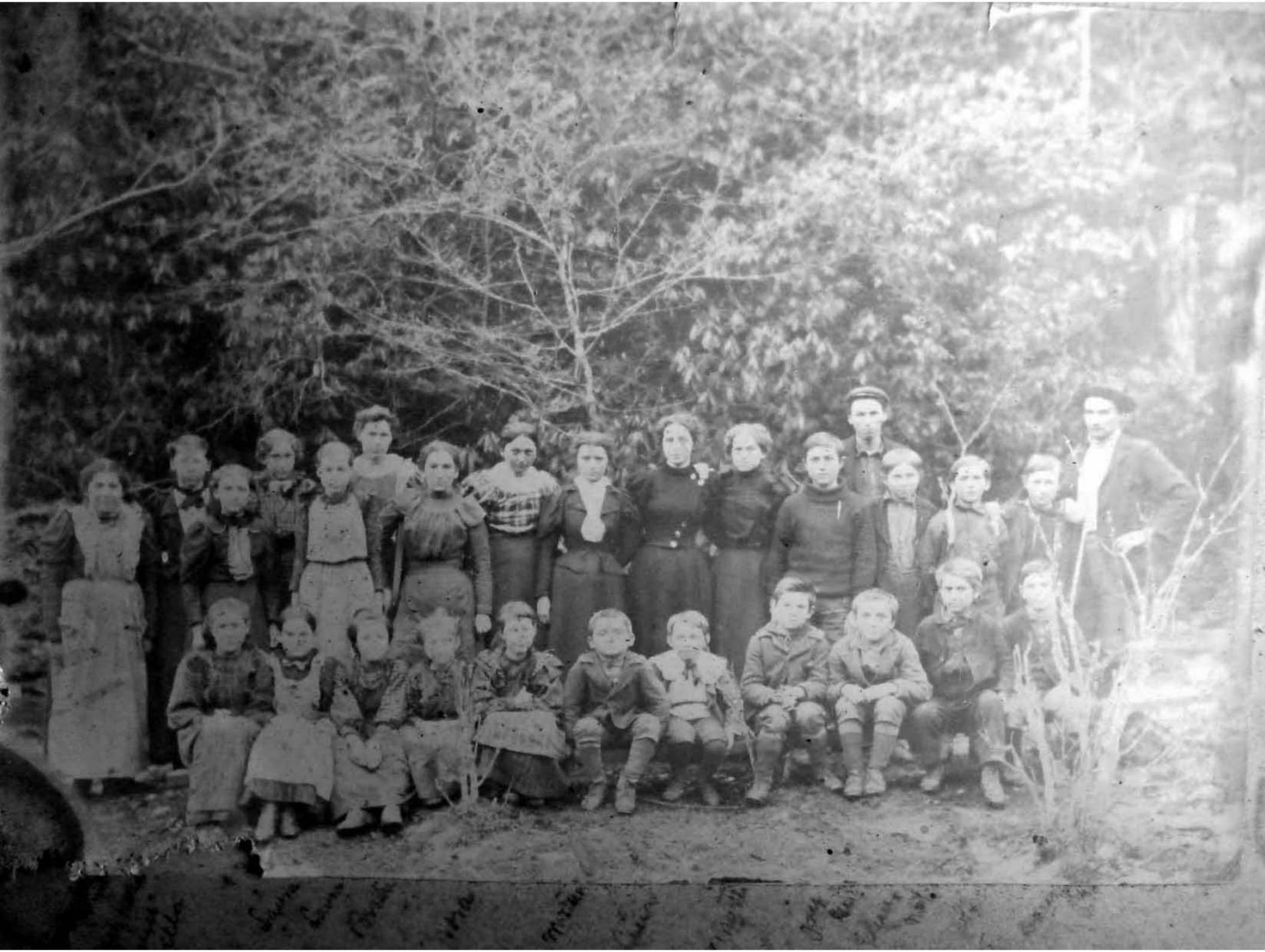

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Hawthorne – 1804 – 1864
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were the first to reduce the short story to a definite formula.

England, Russia and Germany have not equaled America and France in the production of short-story.

Some books on the Short Story
A Study of the Short Story – Canby
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The Carpenter must have definite conception of the building to be erected, else he spoil material in cutting. So must the writer have plans and specifications of his novel or short-story.

Pease – Incidents – Setting = the

For "People" we may say "Characters" because all stories do not have people for actors.

Call of Wild

A Night Out - Piper

Adventures of Huck Finn - Johnson

But since all actors are made to represent people, this is the better word.

Incidents are the things done and make up the vehicles on which characters of actors are revealed.

Setting = Time, Place, and Conditions Atmosphere and Tone. It fills the blank background and brings harmony just as the background in "The Harvesters."

Some writers contend that if either of the three materials - Character, Incident or Setting is to predominate, it should be named in the opening paragraph Thus Character by Conversation

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Incident " action

Setting " description.

It does not seem necessary that this rule be always adhered to.

Either of the three may be so far forced into foreground as to dwarf other two.

The Pendulum is all action practically

Lady or the Tiger " " "

Most tales of Arabian Nights "

The great story should have a theme then drive it home by use of the three materials.

The Short Story is an impression from life.

Theme is "meaning" - the human truth to be brought home. It is an "impression from life".

Having determined the theme, the writer employs means to develop it. Some of these means

phraseology, etc

Appearance of Truth

Truth is no guarantee that it is Credible. Fiction is more reasonable than truth oftentimes. A fact may be taken then fiction applied to make it reasonable. Truth is not important - Appearance of truth - Verisimilitude is.

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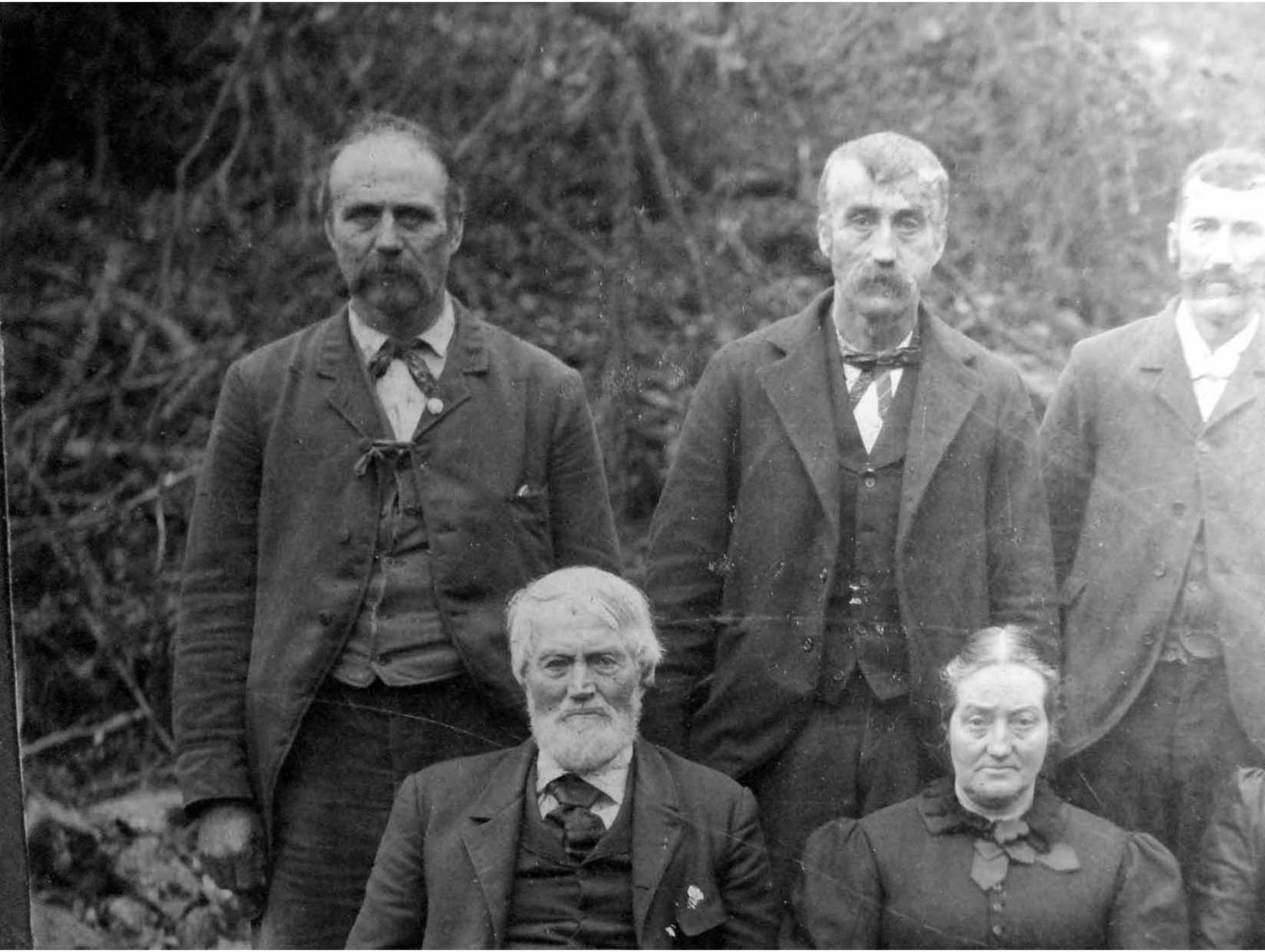

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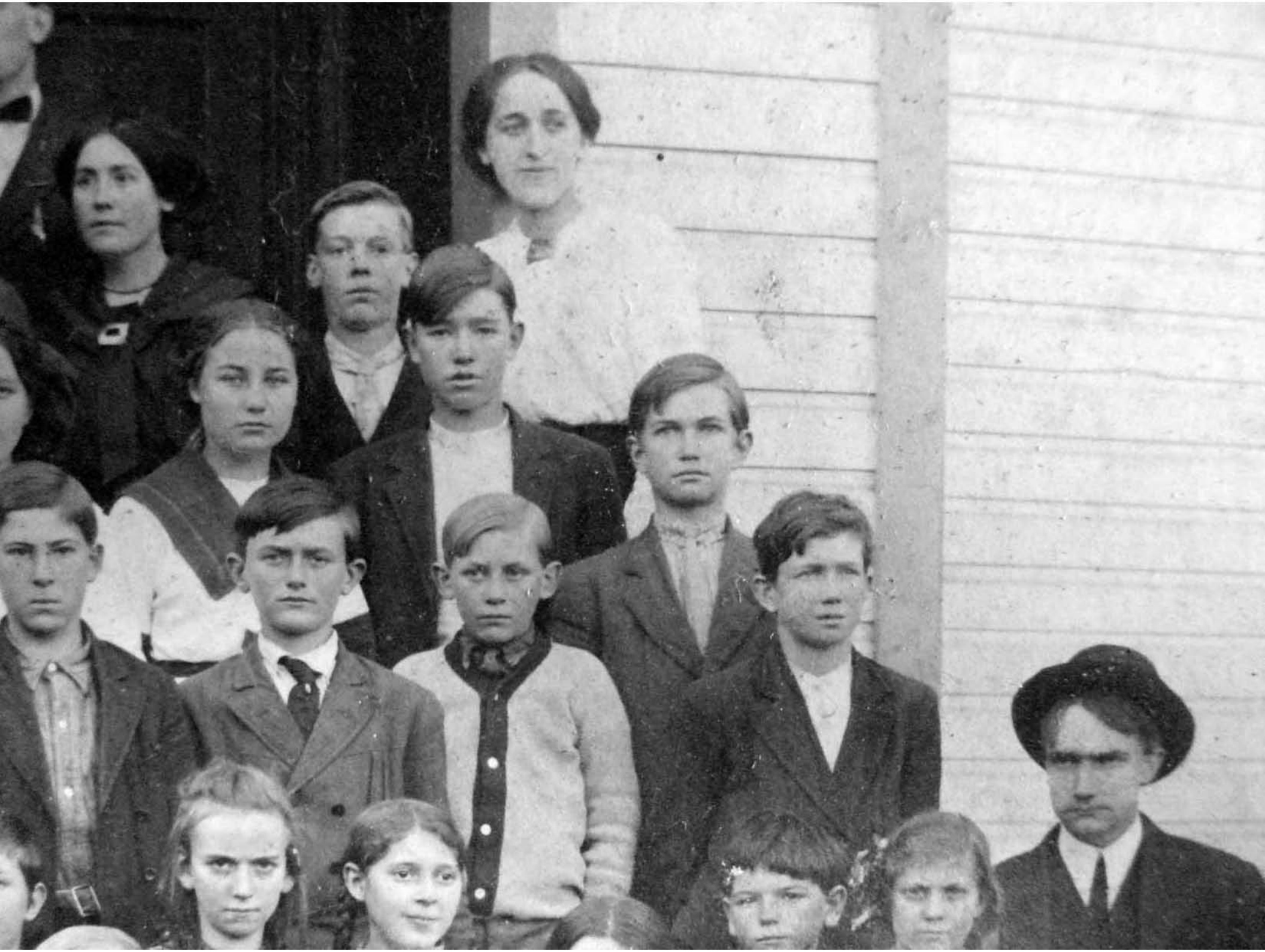

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A farming tradition in Pocahontas

McNeills ponder future: Keep or sell

"I know, deep down, that our one old farm is only a ragged symbol, a signet mark for all the others, the old and far older hard-scrabble mountain farms of Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia, all the briery fields scattered across the mountains south. And how the earth holds us is still a dark question. It is not the sucking deepness that draws us, for the earth is mother, protector, the home; but the oppressor too. It requires, sometimes, the very lifeblood of its own, and imprisons the fly-away dreams and bends the backs of men and women. Yet to love a familiar patch of earth is to know something beyond death . . ." Louise McNeill, "The Milkweed Ladies"

By Kristen Svingen

SUNDAY GAZETTE MAIL

BUCKEYE — He's slightly hunched, short of breath, and makes the short trip between his pickup and the cemetery's chain-link fence slowly, haltingly.

Inside, beyond the reach of his herd of 60 cows, overgrown grass conceals the cracked and crooked tombstones on the older graves. As if human, those stones seem to have shrivelled with the decades, decades that stretch well into the last century.

Jim McNeill passes the first and freshest grave on this patch

Photos by F. BRIAN FERGUSON

Jim McNeill has been raising cattle on his Pocahontas County farm since 1937. McNeill's family has been working the same hilly acreage since the American Revolution. Ready to retire, McNeill and his wife Annabelle face the question of what to do with the historic property.

Drop watches expectantly. "Second cousin," he says finally.

A few steps away, flush against the fence, four more familiar graves lie in a row.

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He stands in the middle of this place, smokes his cigarette, savors the quiet, the company, and the familiar view of the farm below, where McNeill and the kin now buried here have toiled for more than 200 years.

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"I may build a good road and lot it off," McNeill says as he sits in the yellow swing on the front porch of his house, the third family home built on the property. "It wouldn't be hard to get offers."

Annabelle takes a hard line against selling. She invokes the wishes of her sister-in-law Louise to back herself up, suggesting the writer would roll over in her grave if that grave were ever to become part of someone else's back yard.

"Of course — Lord oh mercy — she just thought that the land just has to go on and on and on in the McNeill name. She'd never think of selling it."

"I'm not that extreme," her husband says.

"So it was with us, and is with us still, over two hundred years and nine generations of the farm keeping us, and we believing that we keep the farm. But that is not the way

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McNeill's grandson Jamie helps him bale hay. The family hopes the 16-year-old will one day follow in his grandfather's footsteps, but Jamie dreams of a better-paying job in construction.

A farming tradition in Pocahontas

McNeills ponder future: Keep or sell

"I know, deep down, that our one old farm is only a ragged symbol, a signet mark for all the others, the old and far older hard-scrabble mountain farms of Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia, all the briery fields scattered across the mountains south. And how the earth holds us is still a dark question. It is not the sucking deepness that draws us, for the earth is mother, protector, the home; but the oppressor too. It requires, sometimes, the very lifeblood of its own, and imprisons the fly-away dreams and bends the backs of men and women. Yet to love a familiar patch of earth is to know something beyond death . . . " Louise McNeill, "The Milkweed Ladies"

By Kristen Svingen
SUNDAY GAZETTE-MAIL

BUCKEYE — He's slightly hunched, short of breath, and makes the short trip between his pickup and the cemetery's chain-link fence slowly, haltingly.

Inside, beyond the reach of his herd of 60 cows, overgrown grass conceals the cracked and crooked tombstones on the older graves. As if human, those stones seem to have shrivelled with the decades, decades that stretch well into the last century.

Jim McNeill passes the first and freshest grave on this patch of land, as wide and long as a house. He considers the mound of dirt that yet awaits a tombstone to consummate it.

"I guess that'd be my . . . "

The old farmer pauses a few moments. His devoted mut Dew [illegible] watches expectantly. "Second cousin," he says finally.

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Photos by F. BRIAN FERGUSON

Jim McNeill has been raising cattle on his Pocahontas County farm since 1937. McNeill's family has been working the same hilly acreage since the American Revolution. Ready to retire, McNeill and his wife Annabelle face the question of what to do with the historic property.

Neill rents out 750 more). Rain delayed them for weeks, and even when the sun shone McNeill was hard pressed to find anyone to do the arduous work for the $4.25 an hour he was offering.

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Ivins first Chilton lecturer

A free public event will be added to the cultural life of the Kanawha Valley Monday night — the first program of the W.E. Chilton III Leadership Lecture Series, which begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center in the Capitol Complex.

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Whimsical, iconoclastic national columnist Molly Ivins is the first Chilton lecturer. The Texas-based writer — who says she covers politics and "other bizarre happenings" — is known for her sardonic commentaries on public sham and hypocrisy.

Ivins

Retired Gazette Editor Don Marsh is to introduce Ivins at Monday's program. She will be

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Newsprint costs force price hike

The price of home-delivered subscriptions to The Charleston Gazette, the Charleston Daily Mail and The Sunday Gazette-Mail will increase Oct. 2.

For seven-day subscriptions that are delivered to the home, the increase will be 35 cents a week — from $2.25 to $2.60 a week. Six-day subscriptions, which [illegible] will increase by 25 cents to $2.30 a week.

Single copy and newsstand prices will remain unchanged.

Jack Findley, president and general manager of Charleston Newspapers, said the increase was necessary because of a dramatic increase in the price of newsprint. Later this year and throughout next year, the cost of newsprint is expected to go up more than $100 a ton. Charleston Newspapers uses more than 9,500 tons of newsprint a year.

Also, in an effort to improve delivery service, Findley said, Charleston Newspapers will be increasing the profit earned by its newspaper carriers.

Nevertheless, Findley said, "After this price increase, the Gazette and Daily Mail will continue to rank among the lowest-priced papers in West Virginia."

Charleston Newspapers is the [illegible] agency of the Ga[illegible] and manages

2006
Calendar of Events

Artwork: Larry McCollister, Mt. Zion, WV, winner of the Adult category, History is Alive Art Contest

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Grandma Vic
Died in 1916

Dad went to work

age 10 - May 1st Carried water for yard crew
JR Lbr. Co - Roney (Saw Mill) at Watago got
75¢ a day.

age 11 - Picked wood from Conveyer for Forrest
McClure for 50¢ a day.

age 12 - Sliced inside mill for 1.75 a day.
Picked Striped Latter Same year Jout
Promotion only not pay - got Scar on
leg - where the cogs hit his leg.

age 13 - went to work on Carriage in April
got, 2.00 per day (Doging)

age 18 Stayed until the mill move out ~~left~~ & Dad
(Wm. Tome bought from Roney) - $2.00 per day
Wm. ~~Wilbury~~ Henry.

age 18 - Went to Clover lick at Young's Store
left Store to go to Set block F.S. Wise
Lbr. Co. - 3.50 per day.

age 19 - Went to Raywood - Set blocks & Saved
(1921) for Warren Lbr. Co. Bob - ~~Ray~~ Harry
got $6.00 per day. & Preston (boss)

age 20 - Went to Mt. Grove - & set blocks for
J.E. Moore Lbr. Co. - 4.50 a day until Nov. 1917

age 20 Dec. 5th 1917 - Jan - 1918 went to
Brownville as Breaker on Penna Railroad

27 saw mills
on Greenbrier

27
25
52

Got - Extra list as breakman. Pd - 75.00
per week - work day & night to get
that. (Lollie pop engine) - Worked there
~~1 yr~~. 6 mo.

age 21 - ~~Bake~~ Back to Spice Run to Saw
Mill as block setter & extra Sawer -
1918 Flue Epidem Rec. 4.50 per day. Wiseman Mill Sawmen
Did everything in band mill except - Stationary engineer
file saw. - Blanche born that yr.

age 22 -> Came to Campbelltown 1st April 1919.
Started in Store building with Uncle Burgess
Stayed there until he spent all the
money he had. Stayed there until
& Sold to Bill van Reenan. about a yr.

23 - Helped build road - (45 / 219) on rock crusher
Marl. to Camp.

24 - Forrest - dogged Burgess Saved & Dad Set worked for Barlo Lbr. Co. Saw
Lobelia road. P.O. at Hills.
Mom & Aunt Vallie run store in the yard
where I was born.

age 25 april 5th. 1922
- Went to work Clifton Forge Grocery Co.
Stayed there for - 27 yrs.

52 New Bld - 4 A-50 - Moved - Poca. Gro. Co.
Trade in 1947 - 49 started Summer of 1955

59 Worked for Poca Gro. for - 1962 - 7 yrs.
~~59~~ 62 " " Cov. " Co. - 1962 3 yrs.
6265 " " Richwood " " - May 1st 1965 & been
there 13 & still going

MARVIN DUNBRACK'S HISTORY

Peter Dunbrack, son of John Dunbrack and Jean Hawthorne of Meaghers' Grant, Nova Scotia, born October 1823 died 1887, married Charlotte Sophia Innes, daughter of Richard Innes, Lake Porter, Nova Scotia, November 16, 1852.

Alexander George Dunbrack was one of their family of ten children. He was born November 11, 1853, in Middle Musquodoboit, Halifax County, Nova Scotia, Canada. He died July 18, 1936, in Campbelltown and was buried in Mt. View Cemetery in Marlinton, West Virginia.

George Dunbrack left the Dunbrack farm in Canada in 1873 at the age of 20. He was a white pine woodsman and as a teamster worked for $1 per day plus board for the St. Laurence Lumber Company and also worked on the log river drives. The last drive he worked on was 1907 on Greenbrier River. His later years spent as a farmer. He married Harriet Ann Ryder May 7, 1889, and to this union were born six sons and five daughters. Their children are:

	Born	Died	Married
Loucrisia	February 11, 1882	August 29, 1963	George Campbell
Irvine	April 4, 1890		

Brooklyn McLaughlin Born April 21, 1980 Daughter of Gary and Jona McLaughlin

Marvin Dunbrack was born at Beaver Creek close to Huntersville on May 1, 1897 He has held various jobs throughout his life and started to work at the age of ten as a water boy for 50¢ a day for J. R. Droney Lumber Company at Watoga. He worked for the Ban Sawmill of Greenbrier Division at Cloverlick, Raywood, Mt. Grove, Virginia and Spice Run doing all jobs at sawmill with exception of sawfiler and lumber grader. Worked for Pennsylvania Railroad as brakesman in January 1918. Owned and operated store in Campbelltown, was Grocery Warehouse Supervisor for Clifton Forge Grocery Company from 1922 to 1950. Salesman and Manager of the Pocahontas Grocery Company from 1950-1965. His work extended into Randolph and and Greenbrier Counties. He was salesman for Covington Wholesale for two years

storeowners still living that he called on, and all salesmen that worked this territory as a competitor are now deceased. He also bought and sold ginseng for 58 years.

Marvin has been active as a member of the Campbelltown Methodist Church since May 1922, where he taught a youth class of boys with an enrollment of twenty-two--average age, eighteen. He was Sunday School Superintendent and teacher of the adult Bible class for 50 years, and although he retired at age 84, he is frequently called on to teach as a substitute teacher.

Marvin also worked as a laborer at the rock crusher using a sledge hammer to crush rock small enough to go through the crusher. He helped build the now existing Rt. 219 from Marlinton to Campbelltown.

Marvin recalls that ladies worked at the Empire Kindling Wood Company at Watoga to bundle kindling blocks about 2" long to be shipped by railroad car lots to different cities to be used as fuel. Marvin's sister, Clara, worked at this job and was paid 20¢ for 100 bundles, making $1 to $1.50 per day.

On a farm — at ~~Beaver~~ Beaver Creek

Marvin Dunbrack — age ~~age~~ 85 yrs. ~~old~~ was born May 1-1897. Son of George ~~Peter~~ & Harriet Ryder Dunbrack, His father coming down from Canada in 1873 to make his home in the U.S.A. ~~Marvin h~~ To this union was born six sons & 5 daughters of whom ~~the~~ included a set of ~~triplets~~ triplets — 3 girls — the first set of triplets born in Poca Co.

Marvin married Flossie Lea of Frankford (now deceased) & is the father of 5 daughters — Blanche Gwin, Helen Berry Lee, Gladys Waugh, Annabelle McNeill, & Geraldine Nicholas. — 11 grandchildren & 11 great grandchildren.

Marvin has held various jobs throughout his life. Starting to work at the age of 10 as a water boy for J. R. Droney Lbr Co. at Watago, at at age of eleven was hired as a "dogger" or flasher with the same Co. He has worked for ~~the~~ a "band" Sawmill of Greenbrier Division at Cloverlick, Raywood, Mt. Grove, Va., & Spice Run doing all jobs at the sawmill with exception of sawfiler & lumber grader. He also worked for Pennsylvania Railroad as brakesman ~~in 1918~~. ~~Left this employment at Brownsville Pa & returned to sawmill operations~~

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He now resides ~~in in the~~ at 202 - 2nd ave. in Marlinton.